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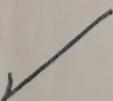


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Mary Power Holmstedt (Mrs. R. W.)  
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1947-1949

*Gift of the association*

TO THE MEMORY OF MARION TALBOT,  
THE LAST FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN,  
AND  
TO THE STATE PRESIDENTS OF THE  
INDIANA DIVISION  
WHOSE SPLENDID WORK MADE THIS  
HISTORY POSSIBLE

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## THE INDIANA DIVISION

The history of any important event becomes fixed in a period of time by a date, and its human interest as a story develops because of persons who made the event important enough to record.

The most important date in this history must be January 14, 1882, when Miss Marion Talbot met with sixty-five women in Boston and organized The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the parent organization.

The constitution adopted on that date gave this objective for the association "to unite alumnae of different institutions for practical work."

A request soon followed for new centers in other parts of the country, and on December 1, 1883 in Chicago, the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae was officially organized.

As a second parent, it was slowly identified with the organization of the Indiana Branch through Mrs. May Wright Sewell, one of its gifted presidents, and Miss Harriet Noble, a director, both Indianapolis women.

### MAY WRIGHT SEWELL

Mrs. Sewell became president of the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae in 1886, and again elected in October 1889, and served until the union of the Western Association with the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in October 1889, at a meeting of the two associations in Buffalo, New York.

The month following this union November 16, 1889 the Indiana Branch of the Main Alumnae Association was formed, and it was through the efforts of twenty charter members that we now (sixty years later) have the data for a History of the Indiana Division of the American Association of University Women. Each of those twenty charter members merits a salute.

Those twenty charter members were: Virginia Alexander, Rose Baldwin, Mary Sheldon Barnes, Sarah A. Catlin, Mary E. Colgan, Carrie J. Clark, Essie B. Dakin, Mrs. Cornea B. Campbell Eaglesfield (Mrs. James), Rose Foster, Emily Greenman, Mrs. Eda Blood Hasselman (Mrs. J. W.), Anna V. LaRose, Julia Harrison Moore (Mrs. J. C.), Harriet Noble, Helen S. Pearson, Amelia Waring Platter, Mrs. May Wright Sewell, Mary J. Root, Mila F. Tupper, Mrs. W. B. VanGordner.

### UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAMS

The following three years 1891-'92-'93, the new Branch devoted its interests to the University Extension Project.

Lectures given by college professors on Economics, American Political History, and Literature proved quite popular and successful under the management of the Indiana Branch, and it is interesting to note that the present extension department of Indiana University is an outgrowth of that early effort.

### THE BRANCH'S TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY

In October, 1909, the Indiana Branch celebrated its twentieth birthday by bestowing honorary membership upon Mrs. Sewell, the tribute was an expression of gratitude and affection for her work as founder of the Indiana Branch.

It was Mrs. Sewell's guiding spirit that kept the young Branch together. Her home and her time was always at the generous disposal of the Branch.

### **INDIANA UNIVERSITY ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE 1912**

It was a long and hard struggle before Indiana University became a member of Collegiate Alumnae. Then, as now, certain requirements had to be met before a college could be accepted. Miss Amelia Waring Platter of the Indiana Branch, and Dean Breed and Miss Lilian Gay Berry of Indiana University were untiring in their continued efforts to have Indiana University admitted.

November 12, 1912, at a convention in Ann Arbor, Miss Amelia Waring Platter, representing the Indiana Branch made a plea so convincingly for Indiana University's admission that the final hurdle was overcome. Miss Platter sent the thrilling news to Bloomington to the ninety-two pledges waiting for membership in the A.C.A.

#### **A NEW NAME FOR THE INDIANA BRANCH**

In June 1913, the name INDIANA BRANCH became Indianapolis Branch after the formation of the new Bloomington Branch.

Two years later the Lafayette Branch was formed when Purdue was admitted membership in A.C.A.

#### **FIRST STATE MEETING OF BRANCHES IN 1921**

An informal get-together meeting of the Indiana branches was held at the English Hotel in Indianapolis on February 12, with Miss Amelia Waring Platter presiding. The three branches represented were Indianapolis, Bloomington and Lafayette.

Each branch reported lively activities within its own group, and when the day's meeting adjourned, every representative felt she had spent a profitable day and expressed appreciation for Miss Platter's well-made plans.

#### **THE INDIANA FEDERATION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN IS OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED**

The informal meeting of 1921 was followed in May 1923 with the official organization of The Indiana Federation of Branches under a new national name, for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was henceforth to be known as the American Association of University Women.

Not until April 7 and 8, 1934, was the convention given the title as used in this history. The INDIANA DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

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"History of the American Association of University Women 1881-1931," Talbot and Rosenberry.

"The First Fifty Years of the American Association of University Women in Indianapolis, Indiana."

The above sources furnished a part of the data in Chapter I.

## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Frances Talmage Bawden  
(Mrs. James A.)  
1923-1924  
A.B., Illinois College  
M.A., Indiana University  
Medical Social Service

Dean Agnes E. Wells  
1924-1925  
A.B., University of Michigan  
A.M., Carleton College  
Ph.D., University of Michigan



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Dr. Lillian Beeson Brownfield  
1925-1926

A.B., Depauw University in Latin  
A.M., Ohio Wesleyan in English  
Literature

Ph.D., Indiana University in English  
Literature

Helen Chick Davidson (Mrs. W. R.)  
1926-1927

A.B., Boston University in History



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Johnnie Wilson Smith  
(Mrs. Henry Lester)  
1927-1929

A.B., Florida State College for Women  
A.M., Columbia University  
M.S., Indiana University in  
Education  
Ph.D., in Psychology

Graee Rawles Wheeler (Mrs. John T.)  
1929-1930

A.B., Indiana University in Romance  
Languages



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Dean Mary L. Matthews  
1930-1932

B.S., H.E., University of Minnesota in  
Home Economics

Bess East Miller (Mrs. Erwin F.)  
1932-1933  
A.B., University of Illinois in English



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Vesta Marie Tombaugh  
(Mrs. Paul E.)  
1933 Acting President  
Ph.B., University of Chicago in  
Institutional Home Economics

Carabelle Greiner Dickey  
(Mrs. Harry S.)  
1934-1936  
A.B., University of Wisconsin in  
Social Studies  
B.L.S., Columbia University in  
Library Service



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Catherine Tillotson McCord

(Mrs. Joseph)

1936-1939

A.B., DePauw, English and French

Dr. Mary C. Turgi  
1939-1941

D.D.S., Indiana University School of  
Dentistry  
Doctor of Dental Surgery



## THE STATE PRESIDENTS



Mary Power Holmstedt (Mrs. R. W.)  
1941-1945

B.S., Teachers College, Columbia University in Nursing Education

Jean L. Clough Kimmel  
(Mrs. Wayne C.)  
1945-1949

B.S., Boston University in  
Government



## STATE PRESIDENTS

1923

It has not been an easy task for the state presidents to give a review of the important happenings during their terms of office. They were asked to limit their remarks to approximately two hundred words. To some that number was too small, but others had difficulty in using that many.

Mrs. J. A. Bawden, first president of the State Division, wrote that she had cut her article to the very dry bones; but since she had kindly inclosed a conference announcement containing a list of her officers in 1924, their names have been included in her report.

In April 1923, the active branches of AAUW in the state met at Purdue to conclude the plans laid at previous informal gatherings for a state organization. Bloomington, Indianapolis, and Lafayette, representing a total membership of 315, were the motivating factors. South Bend, a year old, and Evansville, but a month old, made their presence felt. Greencastle, one of the earliest associations, though not affiliated at the moment, was represented; there were other observers representing new units in embryo.

The theme for united study was Rural Education focusing upon the County Unit Bill then before the legislature. Unity with the national AAUW was impressed by contributions to the new Headquarters Club House. The work of all members was to seek out fertile spots for new Branches, to plant the seed, and to cultivate those tender perennials. One can scarcely realize now, except by reading the old records, what inertia and resistance there was toward the little group of "Blue Stockings" with the formidable nomenclature.

In 1924 the officers were: Mrs. J. A. Bawden, President; Mrs. J. A. Woodburn, Vice-President; Miss Stella Fox, Secretary; Miss Kathleen Moran, Treasurer.

The total membership in the state reached 705 in 1924. The following branches were established: Marion, Decatur, Plymouth, and Franklin, with Greencastle reactivated. As growth is continuous many hopeful plantings became established later.

Indinaapolis entertained the 1924 State Conference. A constitution was adopted, and the first formal election of officers was held. Notice how similar some of the questions discussed at that conference were to those of today.

The State Housing Conference—Mrs. Frank Hatfield.

The Future of AAUW—Dean Wells.

The plans for the 1925 National Convention in Indianapolis were initiated at this time. The Indiana Federation of Branches was on its way.

## 1924

Miss Agnes E. Wells was elected second state president in 1924. Her officers were Mrs. H. A. Beck, Indianapolis, vice-president; Miss Stella Fox, West Lafayette, secretary, and Mrs. Wm. R. Davidson, Evansville, treasurer.

In the Third Annual Conference program of 1925, the speakers mentioned were National Presidents, Mrs. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Subject, "University Women, and American Education"; Chairman N. E. Central Section, Miss Frances G. Perkins, Subject, "Recent Achievements in AAUW."

Also reports were given by the past president, Mrs. James A. Rawden, State Scholarships, and by two others who later became state presidents, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Bloomington, Education; Miss Mary L. Mathews, Lafayette, Registry of Trained Women.

Ten new branches were added making the number 22, and the total State membership was increased to 1076.

Dean Wells was a member of the National Association of Deans of Women from 1923 to 1925, and second vice-president of the Association from 1925-1927. One of the desired accomplishments stressed by the State Division in 1925 was to secure Deans of Women in High Schools.

Dean Wells was Sectional and State Chairman of Fellowship when the National drive was started, and she was fortunate to get every state in the North East Central Section to pledge a Fellowship, and that was the only section in which that happened.

Most of the Branches learned to know Dean Wells quite well while she was state president, because she had visited most of them.

In a recent letter to the state historian, Dean Wells wrote: "I think Indiana's record has been splendid in the Fellowship Fund support, and in all lines of work as outlined by the National Board." She is still quite perturbed, however, in AAUW's attitude toward the Equal Rights Amendment.

At present Miss Wells is Emeritus Dean of Women of Indiana University, and she has been a member of the National Council of Woman's Party since 1945. Her address is 111 Granger Street, Saginaw West Side, Michigan. Summer: Upper Jay, New York.

## 1925

Dr. Lillian Beeson Brownfield was elected president of the Indiana Division in 1925. She was a member of the Greencastle Branch which was officially recognized as a Branch of the American Association of University Women just the year before.

An excerpt from a letter of Miss Brownfields to your state historian may help to explain the difficulty in securing data for some of these reviews. She wrote: "I shall be glad to be relieved of the duty of providing the history of my presidency. After this length of time I have no data and only a vague recollection of what has happened. Like Dean Wells I found my college duties too onerous to admit of reelection."

Mrs. Holmstedt kindly searched the files in Washington, during her stay there last winter, and found but two Branch histories, Indianapolis and Vincennes. She did find, however, lists of Past Officers of the Indiana Division of AAUW beginning 1934-35. Mrs. Holmstedt sent her findings carefully typed, and they have helped greatly. Miss Bartley's search found no Minutes of the State Division in her files before 1940. Convention reports have helped greatly.

This explanation is given in order that the reader may understand if the data for some of the state presidents are limited.

We do know that Dr. Brownfield was elected state president in 1925, and that from 1925-1927 she was president of the Greencastle Branch.

At the time that she became state president \$4348 had been pledged and the amount to be pledged was \$902 to complete the quota for the Washington Fund which was to be \$5250 from Indiana.

The First Woman Trustee of Indiana University had been elected. At that time, twenty-four years ago, the Branches were being urged to work for Women on School Boards, to work with County Unit Groups, and to secure Speakers on Educational Problems.

Dr. Brownfield, state president, spoke at the October, 1925 meeting, and turned back her expense money as a "nest egg" for a college loan. (Crownfordsville Branch History).

Dr. Lillian Brownfield's tasks were as arduous as those of the State President today.

Dr. Brownfield's present position is Professor Emeritus of English Literature at DePauw University.

## 1926

Mrs. W. R. Davidson of Evansville was elected state president for 1926. She was the fourth president of the Indiana Division. The Evansville Branch had been recognized in 1923, and Mrs. W. R. Davidson was made one of its first directors. Before being elected state president she served one year as state treasurer, and was appointed an ex-officio member of the new Executive Board, and it was in April following at the State Conference in Bloomington that Mrs. W. R. Davidson was elected state president. She had many activities, and was invited as guest speaker by a number of the branches.

The Vincennes, and LaPorte Branch were recognized during the presidency of Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Davidson's activity in AAUW did not cease with her term of office. In the spring of 1927 with Mrs. John L. Sanders, State Chairman of International Relations, she attended the National meeting in Washington and in 1930, the National Convention in Boston.

## 1927-28

Mrs. Hery Lester Smith, the fifth state president of the Indiana Division, was elected for a term of two years in 1927.

Mrs. Smith became a member of the American Association of University Women in 1915, and in 1922 she was chosen the first chairman of the Education Committee of the Bloomington Branch, and in 1923 first chairman of the Finance Committee, and later chairman of International Relations.

The newly elected president understood well the nature of the work she was undertaking as State President. She was invited as guest speaker by a number of Branches. Vincennes and LaPorte were both organized in 1926, and she was one of the early visitors to Vincennes as a speaker. The Crawfordsville Branch in its history also mentions the visit of Mrs. H. L. Smith, and her addressing the group on the importance of the fellowship fund.

Two of the accomplishments introduced by Mrs. Smith during her presidency were; the raising of dues from ten cents to twenty-five cents per member, and the publication of the State Journal. Four issues were published in mimeograph form.

Mrs. Smith's activities in AAUW continued after her presidency in the Indiana State Division ceased. She was later chairman of Program Committee of the Bloomington Branch, President from 1934-1940, Delegate to National Convention Denver in 1939, Delegate to National Convention Cincinnati 1941, and Vice-President of Indiana League of Pen women 1948.

Mrs. Smith was a student of languages, and served as a Translator of Spanish at the World Conference of Teaching Profession, Endicott, New York, 1946.

Mrs. H. L. Smith's address is 705 East Seventh Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

#### 1929

Mrs. John T. Wheeler, the sixth state president, succeeded Mrs. H. L. Smith in 1929. Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the Indianapolis Branch, and in 1927, and again in 1931 she was one of its directors.

In 1925 at the Third Annual Conference at Indianapolis, and during the state presidency of Miss Agnes E. Wells, Mrs. Wheeler was chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

The Muncie Branch History 1929 refers to a State Convention at its annual two day conference and lists a number of the distinguished persons in attendance. They were Mrs. F. G. Atkinson, National Vice-President, and Chairman of the Fellowship Fund; Miss Alice Wright, Sectional Director; Mrs. John T. Wheeler, State President; Dean Agnes Wells of Indiana University, and Miss Dorothy Karl, Toledo Attorney. All of these participated in the convention program.

Mrs. Erwin Miller of Anderson was Vice-President during the presidency of Mrs. Wheeler. In November 1929, Mrs. Wheeler was a guest of the Anderson Branch. At the first meeting of the Crawfordsville Branch in October, Mrs. Wheeler was the guest speaker.

Mrs. John T. Wheeler's address is 3130 North Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana.

## 1930-1932

Mary L. Matthews was one of the eleven women listed as those who in May 1915 planned for the organization of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and for getting Purdue University on the approved list of colleges and universities of the Association.

On May 27, 1916 the Lafayette Branch was notified that it had been accepted and was now a regularly constituted branch of the Association. Mary L. Matthews became the first secretary of the branch, and later its president.

Fourteen years followed, and Mary L. Matthews, Dean of the School of Home Economics since 1926, became the seventh state president of the Indiana Division of the American Association of University Women and held the position for two years.

Before this time she had written two books: Elementary Home Economics, and The House and Its Care. It was interesting to note, too, that she had written the first chapter of the present branch history on file.

Who's Who does not tell of the splendid progress made by the Indiana Division of AAUW while Dean Matthews was state president in 1930-1932; but the histories of the Branches tell of her many visits, and interesting talks.

Dean Matthew's home address is 629 Waldon Street, West Lafayette, Indiana.

## 1932-1933

Bess East Miller was elected president of the Indiana Division of AAUW for the year 1932-1933. Mrs. Miller's paramount objective was to make the college women see the importance of her taking an active interest in her community life. Speaking for the organization, Mrs. Miller said, "We believe that the urgency need today is better communities and that we, as college women, should become more articulate in every activity which has for its objective better government, better educational opportunities and better recreational opportunities for the young people."

Mrs. Miller prepared a talk entitled, "The College Woman and Her Community," which she delivered before a joint meeting of the Anderson and Muncie Branches on November 15, 1932. Also, she gave the same address before the Marion Branch on February 8, 1933.

At the December board meeting, it was decided to build the program of the state convention around the principal theme, "The College Woman and Her Community." At the March board meeting, the final plans for the convention were completed. The program was unique in that each session was correlated with previous one, and each major address dealt with a further phase of the theme. The opening address was an analysis of "The College Woman Today" by Dr. Katherine R. Adams, chairman of National Committee on Membership. Continuing the theme, Dr. W. L. Bailey, Professor of Sociology, Northwestern University gave an address

on "The Community Today." The final address was given by Dr. Kathryn McHale whose subject was "The College Woman and Her Community."

Mrs. Miller attended the national convention in Minneapolis on May 17-20 as a delegate representing both the state organization and her local branch. The program was focused on the community situation and the part that university women should play in coming years. On the opening day, Mrs. Miller officiated as chairman at the conference of State Presidents. On the following day, she was the principal speaker at the luncheon when she gave her talk, "The College Woman and Her Community."

Other objectives as set forth at the December board meeting were: building better communities, study of local conditions relating to education, health and child welfare, adult education through furnishing leaders for YWCA night classes and open forums for discussion of local problems. Also, it was voted to stress education on the part of the State Board of Health as to the importance of periodic examination as a measure toward early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

At this same time, Mrs. Miller was conducting a commentary column, "In Passing," which was published weekly in The Anderson Herald. In her writing, she was forceful and keenly analytical. Her own life and activities were always aimed toward better, wiser and happier living for everyone. From reading her column, one could feel her zealous desire to raise the level of living for everyone.

Mrs. Miller was serving her second year as state president at the time of her death. She died on July 12, 1933 following a four week's illness of complications developing from a spinal disease.

### 1933

Mrs. Paul E. Tombaugh became state president in 1933 following the death of Mrs. Erwin F. Miller. Mrs. Tombaugh was well prepared for her work, as she had been vice-president in 1929 of the Indianapolis Branch, and in 1930-1931 the president of her Branch. During the two succeeding years under the presidency of Mrs. Walter Morton in the Indianapolis Branch, Mrs. Tombaugh became one of the directors.

Mrs. Walter P. Morton was a member of the Historical Committee selected by Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel to assist in compiling the History of the Indiana Division. The first chapter of the Indiana Division was written by Mrs. Morton.

Mrs. Tombaugh understood well that Mrs. Miller's great objective was to make the college woman see the importance of her taking an active interest in her community life, and she too aimed toward better living for every one.

Mrs. Tombaugh was interested in the legislative measures pending for the session, and she studied them and worked for those endorsed by AAUW.

Mrs. Tombaugh and Mrs. Morton attended the National Convention at Minneapolis and had the pleasure of sitting in the general meeting when Butler was voted to national rating. It is hoped that Butler will again be given that rating at the 1949 National Convention at Seattle.

### 1934-1936

Mrs. H. S. Dickey was state president of The Indiana Division from 1934-1936. Her officers were Mrs. Paul Tombaugh vice-president, Mrs. Ward G. Biddle secretary, Miss Catherine Tillotson treasurer, and Miss Mary Beaman membership.

During the second year the officers were reelected with the exception of vice-president, and Mrs. Charles T. Boynton was elected, and Mrs. Willis J. Repetto succeeded Mrs. Biddle as secretary. Miss Tillotson, now Mrs. McCord, continued as treasurer. Mrs. T. Dale Swen became the first chairman of recent graduates, and Mrs. C. E. Leavenworth became first editor.

Mrs. H. S. Dickey served as president of the Terre Haute Branch during 1931-1932, at which time the first contribution to adult education, and the community was made by supplying teachers in English, French, and Health work to that local YWCA.

From the presidency of the Terre Haute Branch, Mrs. Dickey became State Education Chairman, and later the Branch was honored by her being elected State President.

Late in the summer a book was sent to the State historian, and to her great surprise that book was labeled Indiana History 1934-1940, and it contained most interesting letters, and histories of many Branches. Dr. Ruby Davis was to be the editor. What a relief to know that she didn't have the title of historian, for then she would have been the first one, and Cora M. Doebleman could no more boast of being the First Historian of Indiana Division of AAUW.

Mrs. Dickey has done splendid work in collecting her histories, and Dr. Davis is still historian of her Richmond Branch, but she seems to have forgotten that there was a history of Richmond Branch, written by Mrs. Clarence M. Brown. It is too bad that Mrs. Dickey's history never was published, and that so few AAUW members knew of its existence. It should be kept in the files of the state historian, for it contains much valuable material, both in the letters and in the histories. My only disappointment in searching through the book was, that I found so little in the histories concerning the state presidents. Congratulations, Mrs. Dickey, Dr. Davis as Editor, and Mrs. W. J. Repetto, chairman for gathering material.

Mrs. Dickey still resides in Terre Haute, Indiana.

### 1936-1939

Mrs. Joseph McCord of Greencastle was state president for three years, from 1936-1939. A number of the officers were retained by Mrs. McCord during the first two years, and some of the chairmen served for

five years. Miss Mary Kennedy of Lafayette was Chairman of International Relations for both Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. McCord.

Dr. Turgi was Fellowship Chairman for five years. The name of Dr. Turgi became associated with Fellowship not only, because she did such splendid work, and was a member of the Indiana Division for five years; but also because any one connected with AAUW was selling tooth brushes sent out by Mrs. Turgi for Fellowship.

Mrs. H. L. Smith was Chairman of Education during Mrs. McCord's presidency. National problems (later Social Studies) Chairman was Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt who was chosen for three years.

Mrs. W. P. Morton must have become very much interested in the Legislature after having studied the measures sponsored and supported by AAUW during two General Assemblies. Perhaps she was lobbying for some of the Bills which will come again before the next Legislature. No arts chairman was mentioned in the list for 1936 and 1937. In 1938 the name was changed to creative Arts and Mrs. Harry Crook, Vincennes was chosen chairman.

Mrs. McCord was well acquainted with the activities of the Indiana Division when she became president, for she had been treasurer during the preceding two years.

In the spring of 1937 while Mrs. McCord was in the Chicago district, she met Dr. Bertha Rose, an AAUW member who had recently moved to Gary. Dr. Rose and Miss Verna Hoke arranged a luncheon, and representatives from various colleges were invited. Mrs. McCord, then State President, discussed requirements for national membership affiliation, and the program of the association. At this luncheon on May 10, 1937, it was unanimously voted to establish the Gary Branch. The Attica Branch was also organized this year.

Mrs. McCord still active in AAUW later became Vice-President of the Greencastle Branch, and no doubt is still active in that Branch.

### 1939-1941

Dr. Mary C. Turgi of South Bend was state president of the Indiana Division during 1939-40 and 1940-41. Mrs. J. Wyomond French, Bloomington, was Vice-President during the first year and resigned during the second, and Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt filled out the term. Mrs. E. C. Cline of Richmond, and Mrs. John Swenson, Logansport, each served one year as Second Vice-President. Mrs. E. C. Cline, Richmond, was Secretary for the two years. Mrs. R. B. Stewart, West Lafayette, and Miss Inez Ahlering of Evansville each served one year as Treasurer.

It seems that it has been the practice, and still is, for each state president to select her committee chairmen from branches in different parts of the state, if possible; so Mrs. Harry Crook of Vincennes after finishing her second year as Chairman of Creative Arts was replaced by Mrs. John Van Ness of Valparaiso. Miss Grace DeHority of Muncie followed the State President as her Fellowship chairman.

In the study of the Branch histories of Indiana, one cannot help but be impressed by the stress placed upon the importance of Fellowship, and what has been accomplished by each Branch, and greater success gained each year. Perhaps few, if any, have been more enthusiastic in this work and more successful than Dr. Mary C. Turgi.

The following account was taken from The Indianapolis Branch History. On November 10, 1939, was the Golden Jubilee Celebration commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Indianapolis Branch.

"Dr. Mary Turgi, who was seated at the speaker's table, brought greetings from the State Division group, and had the honor of cutting a large white birthday cake bearing fifty yellow candles. At another table were seated Mrs. James A. Bawden, Mrs. John T. Wheeler, Miss Agnes Wells, Mrs. H. S. Smith, and Mrs. Joseph McCord. A message was read from Miss Amelia Platter, only living Founder Member and President Emeritus of the Indianapolis Branch. Dean Irma Voigt, Sectional Director, was speaker of the evening.

Is Dr. Mary Turgi still active in AAUW work? Read many of the pages of the "Diary" in South Bend Branch History and see how many times her name is mentioned in connection with Fellowships and Study Grants.

## 1941-1945

The years of Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt's administration, 1941-1945, were the war years of World War II. The officers elected in 1941 were re-elected in 1943 and served until May 31, 1945.

One can recall now the heavy responsibility that was felt for guiding the organization through these war years. A war psychology does not lend itself to the furtherance of education but, must of necessity, gear all of society to the defeat of the enemy. While the Association accommodated itself to this end, it never lost sight of its major responsibility, the welfare of the schools and the advancement of education.

Despite the difficulty of travel, rationing of gasoline, lack of cars, shortages of food, clothing, and help of all kinds, the records show that the State Division grew in membership and branches. Only one branch had to disband but two additional ones were formed, Columbus and Lebanon. The membership figures increased steadily each year so that by May 31st, 1945 we had the largest membership we ever enjoyed, 3578. The state treasury was supported from 15¢ dues per member and was in sound enough condition for an investment of a small surplus in war bonds.

While some of the state meetings had to be eliminated, and others shortened, nevertheless numbers succeeded in coming together at fairly regular intervals as the records show. In the fall of 1941 and 1942 a fall workshop meeting was held in Indianapolis. On May 15-16, 1942 the Northeast Central Regional Conference, which meets in Indiana every 10th year, met in Indianapolis, and had the largest attendance it ever had. In 1943 the State Convention, one day, was held at the Columbia Club and all but one branch sent delegates. In June 1944 the State Convention met in Bloomington for two days and again was the largest turnout. A State Convention was tried by mail in 1945, as did the National Association. The technique and program are described in the April Bulletin of that year. The State Board met four times each year and the minutes of each of these meetings were relayed to branches.

Two additional things helped to keep the membership together and to keep it informed. In the fall of 1941 a third class Post Office mailing permit was secured for the State Bulletin and for the first time it was used with the September issue of the Bulletin. This not only secured the cheapest postal rate, but it obligated the Division to send out an issue in September, November, February and April of each year. Since then it has continued to circulate at regular periods.

A printed State Directory containing names and addresses of State and Branch officer and chairman personnel, as well as State by-laws, and other pertinent information was issued for the first time in 1942 and has continued to appear each year since.

The Division attuned its program to war needs by recruiting from its members former teachers to replace those who entered war services. It maintained a complete card file for its members which was later turned over for the use of the Civil Defense Committee. It assisted aliens in each

community in preparing to pass their examinations for citizenship and it gave individual assistance to those draftees rejected for educational deficiencies. It promoted nursery schools and kindergartens, particularly in areas where women were employed in defense work. Its interest in educational and vocational guidance in high schools and colleges was now directed to keeping young people in school as long as possible. It sponsored open forums for the presentation of such subjects as price fixing, rationing, and taxation as it relates to the war program. Many of its members joined the WAACS, WAVES, Army Nurse Corps, etc. Those who remained at home served on USO staffs, Canteens, Red Cross stations, and as supplementary nurse aides. Hundreds of its members served on numerous local and state committees for the promotion of the war program, civilian needs, and the maintenance of morale.

The Indiana Division also contributed generous financial sums to the Refugee Fund for University Women. These monies were used in Great Britain and other "unoccupied" countries.

A number of leaders prominent in AAUW spoke at state meetings during these war years, among them being; Dr. Helen C. White, national president of the Association; Dr. Mary E. Woolley, former national president; Dr. Kathryn McHale, general director of AAUW; Mrs. Ruth Wilson Tryon, editor of the Journal; Dr. Asse Skard, former president of the Norwegian Association of University Women; Dr. Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist, and Miss Irene A. Wright of the U. S. Dept. of State who brought a message from Secretary Cordell Hull (see State Bulletin September 1945).

Dr. Esther C. Brunauer, associate in International Relations, spent a week in the state in December 1941. Meetings were set up in five sections of the state so that she was available to all branches.

Dr. Helen Dwight Reid, now associate in International Relations, visited Muncie and Terre Haute branches in 1943 and all branches sent representatives to one of these places.

The state president and other state officers and chairmen visited each branch during the four years.

In November 1942 the State Board carrying out the Convention resolution for the promotion of kindergarten education sponsored its first piece of legislation in the 1943 State Legislature. This measure sought state financial support for kindergartens set up in connection with the public school system. The Indiana Division has promoted such a measure in each succeeding Legislature.

In 1945 a second piece of legislation was sponsored in the 1945 Legislature. This required that at least one woman be named to each county and municipal governmental board or commission.

Upon the completion of the \$30,000.00 Indiana Division Fellowship Award in 1941, the Kathryn McHale Fellowship, it was voted to raise an additional \$10,000.00 to add to the Fellowship in order to assure a \$1,500.00 annual award. This was announced as accomplished at the

May 1944 convention. Its completion culminated a seventeen year effort to raise a \$40,000.00 fellowship and the Indiana Division became the first state to reach this goal.

In 1944 the South Bend Branch raised, in addition to its fellowship contribution, \$1,500.00 for a living fellowship. It was the first time that a single branch had undertaken such a project.

By 1945 the state had raised two \$1,500.00 awards. These were later converted to Grants-In-Aid for needy European students to study in this country at the close of the war.

In 1945 when lack of travel facilities prohibited a national convention the Association held its first meeting of all state presidents in Washington. Indiana was represented by its state president and an account of this first venture appears in the February Bulletin of 1945.

The growth and united effort of the Indiana Division during these trying years are an enduring testimonial to its practical idealism.

## 1945-1949

During 1945-1949, the years of Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel's presidency of the Indiana Division, an expansion program was carried out. Ten branches were organized as follows: Frankfort, Mooresville, and Kokomo in 1946; Martinsville, 1947; Shelbyville and Tipton, 1948; Elwood, Seymour, Bedford, and Warsaw in 1949. Dean Margaret Powell of Franklin and Mrs. Kimmel were instrumental in organizing many of them. Others who assisted were: Mrs. George Stevens, Miss Hester Wood, Mrs. Charles VanCleave, and Dean Grace DeHority. The total number of branches in the state now are 41.

With the increase of twenty-five cents in dues adopted at the 1946 convention, the State Board was able to promote further the aims of AAUW in Indiana, and also to bring the work of the state closer to the branches. As a result all branches were visited by members of the State Board, and many received several visits by officers and chairmen. Five Workshops were held during this period.

The idea of having State Committees to assist and help the State Chairmen in furthering projects was started in 1947. This plan was of particular value not only to the chairmen, but again gave the branches an opportunity to participate in such work. The following committees did much to further such aims: legislation, historian, international relations, arts, publicity, radio, education, and recent graduates.

State projects advanced from 1945-1949 were: Scholarship, Handbook, booklet of "Indiana Composers," state news releases, legislation pertaining to kindergarten and women on school boards, History of Indiana Division, and issuance of association cards to associate members.

Radio, parliamentarian, and historian chairmen were added, and now the State Board of the Indiana Division is the largest of any state in this Region.

Each year a Membership Award was given at the state convention to the Branch gaining the greatest increase in national members. Connersville received the Membership Award last year, and to Portland goes the honor for 1949. The total membership for 1948-1949 consists of 4,144 national members with 474 associates.

The policy of having state reports mimeographed and distributed to branches was started in 1947.

The State President and First Vice-President were sent as delegates to the National Convention in Dallas, Texas in 1947. Seventeen other Indiana delegates attended.

The Branches of AAUW were delighted to hear of the election of Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt as Vice-President of the Northeast Central Region. (Mrs. Kimmel was instrumental in this accomplishment, but, perhaps, too timid to mention it.)

The excellent cooperation displayed by the branches and members of the State Board did much not only to further the aims of our organization, but to make the State Division one of the leading groups of women in Indiana.

## ORGANIZATION OF BRANCHES

### INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH

It was in June 1913 that the Indianapolis Branch really received its name. The history of the American Association of University Women in Indiana began in 1887, just five years after the organization formed in Boston in 1882. In each instance it is the history of the work of some enthusiastic person or persons. In Boston the untiring efforts of Marion Talbot produced the desired result; Mrs. May Wright Sewell assisted by Miss Noble was instrumental in organizing the Indiana Branch, and Miss Amelia Waring Platter, and Miss Lillian Gay Berry brought about the admission of Indiana University to membership in the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. "The First Fifty Years of the AAUW in Indianapolis, Indiana" contains splendid history of the striving and struggling for the admission of Indiana University. Mrs. Walter P. Morton in the first article, in this history, "The Indiana Division" makes use of some of the most interesting data. Five pages of discussion are used in the development of the history of Indiana Branch brought from the Washington file, and one of these pages concerns the forming of the Indianapolis Branch. Notice the quoted lines: "In November 1912, the Branch sent Miss Platter to the Association of Collegiate Alumnae meeting at Ann Arbor where the long desired end was accomplished." The admission of Indiana University into the American Association of Collegiate Alumnae brought about two important events: The changing of the name from Indiana to Indianapolis Branch, and the forming of an entire new Bloomington Branch.

The Indianaoplis Branch is the oldest Branch and during all the changes much splendid work was accomplished. The greatest was in securing the higher education for all women, not only in the United States but in foreign countries; great success was also gained along legislative lines.

The Indianapolis Branch played a helpful part in World War II. At one time during Mrs. Virginia Green's presidency \$200 was sent to the AAUW National War Relief Fund. During this same year an International Education Study Group was formed, and \$609 was raised for the Fellowship Fund. During the following years \$132 was donated to war relief for University Women and their children abroad, and a number of Defense Bonds were bought.

The Book and Toy Exhibit which originated in 1925 is still proving a splendid project, and increasing in interest and attendance yearly. This is the sixteenth year since the Indianapolis Branch of AAUW and the L. S. Ayres Company have been partners in presenting a Book and Toy exhibit to the community. Eight thousand people saw the "Three Ringed Circus" during the four days in November 1947, and those who in 1948 attended were fortunate if they received the splendid "Book and Toy Wonderland" book.

Many important projects must be omitted in most of the reviews of larger Branches, because of lack of space.

Miss Belle Ramey

Mrs. John Paul Lahr, Historians

## BLOOMINGTON BRANCH

The Bloomington Branch was organized January 13, 1913 and was the first branch in Indiana with the exception of the "Indiana Branch" organized twenty-four years earlier in 1889. This branch was located in Indianapolis and served the whole state up to 1913. However, no graduate of any Indiana college or university was eligible for membership as no Indiana institution of higher education had been accredited by the National organization (then A.C.A.) prior to November 1912 when Indiana University, after some 14 or 15 years of effort, was finally accredited. This work made the graduates of Indiana University eligible for membership and the Bloomington Branch organization was completed early in January 1913.

Bloomington Branch organized January 13, 1913.

Charter Members 60 (National members only throughout its history.) Membership range throughout its years 140-180.

A. The Bloomington Branch has given the following in leadership:

1. Three presidents to the State Division
  - Dr. Agnes Wells 1924-25
  - Mrs. H. L. Smith 1926-28
  - Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt 1941-45
2. One national vice-president
  - Dr. Agnes E. Wells 1925-29
3. One Northeast Central Regional Vice-President
  - Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt 1947-49
4. The first woman trustee of Indiana University
  - Mrs. S. F. Teter 1924-45

B. The Bloomington Branch has given to both State and National Committees chairmen and members.

C. Branch was hostess to: Two State Conventions: 1926, 1944. One day hostess to National Convention in 1925. (Convention in Indianapolis.)

D. Periods of Development of the Branch

1. Establishing the Branch in the Community as a cooperating educational force.

Presidents:

- Mrs. James Woodburn, January to Sept. 1913
- Miss Ruth Maxwell, 1913-1914
- Mrs. S. F. Tteter, 1914-1915
- Dr. Cora E. Hennel, 1915-1916
- Mrs. Will Louden ,1916-1917
- Mrs. Frank Andrews, 1917-1918
- Mrs. S. E. Stout, 1918-1919

2. Project Years—Backing Ideas with Dollars.

Presidents:

- Mrs. Robert Miller, 1919-1920-1921
- Mrs. J. K. Beck, 1921-1922
- Miss Ivy Chamness, 1922-1923
- Mrs. Will Karsell, 1923-1924-1925
- Miss Edith Williams, 1925-1926-1927
- Miss Ruby Bolenbacher, 1927-1928-1929
- Mrs. Charles Sembower, 1929-1930

The National Million Dollar Fellowship Fund was started in these years. Dr. Agnes Wells who was then national vice-president was an important figure in promoting The Million Dollars Fellowship Campaign not only in Indiana but in the four other states of the Northeast Central Region, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Each of the five states in the Region voted \$30,000 to this Fund and this amount was later raised to \$40,000.

The Bloomington Branch gave to the National Club House Fund \$1,660.00 and to the Indiana University Memorial Hall \$1,000.00. At this time it also established the Bloomington Branch Scholarship Loan Fund of \$3,000.00.

3. Cultural Years—Extensive Growth of Study Groups

Presidents:

- Mrs. Will Scott, 1930-1931-1932
- Mrs. Edith Bouslog Keene, 1932-1933-1934
- Mrs. J. W. French, 1934-1935-1936
- Mrs. Lillian Jackson, 1936-1938
- Mrs. H. L. Smith (Dr. Johnnie R.), 1938-1940

4. War Years—Branch became an active educational force in the community for intelligent cooperation in the war effort.

Presidents:

- Dr. Una Robinson, 1940-1942
- Mrs. Ross Lockridge, 1942-1944
- Miss Estella M. Whitted, 1944-1945

5. Post War Years.

Presidents:

- Mrs. William Mercille, 1945-1947
- Dr. Ruth Strickland, 1947-1949
- Mrs. Chester Evans, 1949-

At present there are 160 members in the Bloomington Branch.

There are two Study Groups. The International Relations Group has been in existence ten or more years, first under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Carter, and now under Miss Brengle. They meet monthly, with an average attendance of about 15.

Mrs. Rebecca Nelson, Education Chairman, has conducted a study group called, Studies in Family Relations. This group meets weekly for about two months and may be attended by others who are not AAUW members.

A Business Woman's Luncheon Group has been organized which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Only AAUW business or professional women attend these meetings.

Bloomington's one great project is Fellowship. The organization pays fifty cents towards this fund; the individual members also contribute.

The Branch will send a delegate to the National Convention in June.

Mrs. Ross Lockridge, Historian

Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt and

Mrs. Chester A. Evans, Assistants

## LAFAYETTE BRANCH

A group of college women met in May 1915 to make plans for the organization of a branch of the Association of College Women. The women whose interest was aroused in the movement were Mrs. Emma Mont Me Rae, professor of English at Purdue University, Miss Caroline Shoemaker, professor of English at Purdue University, Mesdames R. B. Stone, Herman Babson, Alfred Evans, F. W. Greve, Harry Fore, W. A. Knapp William Bates, Dr. Adah McMahon, Miss Stella R. Fox, and Miss Mary L. Matthews, Head of the Department of Home Economics at Purdue University. On May 27, 1916 the Lafayette Branch was notified that it had been accepted at the council meeting at Chicago and was, therefore, a regularly constituted branch of the Association. Officers were elected and a committee appointed to draft the By Laws at the first meeting June 5, 1916. Another meeting was held in June to which all interested alumnae were invited and seventy-five attended. At this time a program committee and membership committee were appointed to work for the following years beginning in October. The meetings were held at four o'clock, but in January 1919 the plan of serving supper with the program following was adopted. The first printed program was issued in 1925-26. In 1917 we had our first representative at a national convention. The first Study club was organized in 1925.

The first project for raising money for the Scholarship Fund was sponsored in 1920. This Branch organized the plan for a fund to be used for loan to high school girls desiring to attend college or universities in Indiana or elsewhere. In 1928 the plan of raising more money for scholarship was given up because the Fellowship Fund had become a national project. Since that time contribution has been each year to the Fellowship Fund. In February, 1917 the Branch voted to take one unit in the National Club House at Washington. A French orphan was adopted in 1917; money was sent for her support until October, 1921.

AAUW has helped many local organizations through contributions or by other assistance. The Social Studies committee and Education committee have conducted many helpful surveys and assisted with numerous projects in Lafayette and West Lafayette. Meetings of Study groups and committees were held about every month in some years, but in others the groups have concentrated on two or three meetings. The Child Study group became more and more active after it was organized in 1945. The meetings have been better attended, and it is now the most active of all separate groups. A full program has been planned since the second year and a speaker listed in the year book for each month.

AAUW pledged its cooperation to many drives and other phases of war work. Gifts were sent to British refugee children and refugee university women as soon as 1940. In 1941 the Status of Women committee was asked to make a survey of all university women for defense purposes.

At the invitation of Lafayette Branch all Indiana branches were invited to attend a state meeting in Lafayette in 1923 to form the Federation of State Branches. Since that time an annual state meeting has been held each year. Dean Mary L. Mathews was president of the State organization two years.

The following women have served as presidents: Miss C. Shoemaker, Miss Fox, Mrs. F. Romberger, Mrs. E. Waters, Mrs. H. H. Kidd, Mrs. H. Ver Wiebe, Mrs. R. B. Stewart, Mrs. H. E. Enders, Miss Leiter, Miss Schaaf, Mrs. C. Kaufman, Mrs. C. Niteher, Mrs. M. M. McClure, Miss M. Foltz.

In 1934 two of our members were chosen as heads of state committees: Mrs. H. H. Kidd, chairman for Education; and Miss Mary C. Kennedy, chairman for International Relations. Mrs. R. B. Stewart was district chairman for Fellowship. In 1944 Miss Irene Feldt was made a member of the state nominating committee. Miss Elizabeth Mackay became editor of The Indiana Bulletin of AAUW in August, 1945.

Mrs. Papenguth was chairman of a committee to plan a special memorial service and present some permanent memorial to the members who have died. After consideration a motion was made that the Association purchase a book to be placed in the Public Library of Lafayette or West Lafayette.

The membership reached two hundred in 1944-45. The Treasurer reported a membership of two hundred thirty-one in March, 1948.

Miss Louise Nesbitt, Historian

#### GREENCASTLE BRANCH

As a forerunner of the Greencastle Branch AAUW, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was organized in Greencastle in 1917, soon after the accrediting of DePauw University following the appointment of Miss Katherine Alvord as Dean of Women.

In 1924, the group was reorganized as Greencastle Branch, AAUW with Miss Mildred Dimmick as President. By 1930 the study group program was well organized, with study groups open to women not eligible for membership as well as members. The number of groups has varied from four to nine, with the Current Literature and International Relations groups being continuous.

The branch has been responsible for art exhibits, lecture courses, volunteer war service and is now sponsoring an adult education evening school. Senior women of DePauw have been entertained yearly.

The branch has furnished two State Presidents, Dr. Brownfield and Mrs. McCord, a State Secretary, Mrs. Neiswanger, and Mrs. McCord has served two different terms as State Treasurer.

Contributions have been made to the Washington Club House, and to the Fellowship Fund each year since the opening of that program.

The branch membership has grown from about twenty to approximately a hundred. There are now eighty-six national and eleven associate members in the branch.

Mrs. Truman G. Yuncker, Historian

## **SOUTH BEND BRANCH**

Twenty-five years of history to be told in 200 words. What an undertaking of condensation!

The membership has gone in the opposite direction from twenty-five charter members in 1922-23 to nearly 300 in 1947-48.

From the very beginning the branch has been an educational to cultural force not only for its members, but for the community as well. In December 1923 the Oberlin College Glee Club was brought to the city which not only netted a substantial profit, but also gave school children to townspeople alike an opportunity to hear music of unusual ability.

For the past fourteen years the branch has sponsored a Town Hall bringing authorities on international and national problems and outstanding talent in the fields of music, drama, and the dance. The first money was used for scholarships, but that of Town Hall has been used for the Kathryn McHale Fellowship and International Study Grants to which the South Bend Branch gave \$10,852 besides a Pan-American Fellowship of \$1500.

A study group program has been followed for many years in all fields of AAUW endeavor.

The Branch has twice been hostess for the Regional meeting, once in 1932 and again in 1938.

It has also been instrumental in starting several civic projects as the International Relations Council, a Creative Writing Group and a movie council.

It is in itself one of the outstanding organizations in the city.

Miss Alma Collmer, Historian

## **MARION BRANCH**

Like all Branches of AAUW, the Marion Branch is busily engaged in many activities. First of all we hit upon the plan of a lending library. Members were asked to contribute as many books as possible. Current novels were especially stressed, together with informative books. These were placed in a bookcase in the lobby of the local Y.W.C.A. This has not been too profitable as a rental but we are hoping for better books and more readers next year.

For the past three years the Marion Branch has given \$35.00 annually in awards to creative work in Art, English and Home Economics. It is hoped that later on, awards can be given in other fields. We are working on that specific problem now.

For at least twenty years or more the Marion Branch has given a \$10.00 annual award to the outstanding girl from the graduating class from the Marion High School. This award is based on scholarship, leadership and attitude toward pupils and teachers.

Mrs. Streightoff of the Indianapolis Branch, organized eleven of the thirty-two chapters at the time in Indiana, and Marion was one of them. Her message to the new Branch was that they as University Women direct AAUW along the field for which they were best fitted and trained—such as education, government, community welfare and international affairs, and let other organizations do the work they are best fitted to do.

Mary Margaret Howard, Historian

### EVANSVILLE BRANCH

The Evansville Branch of the American Association of University Women was formed May 2, 1923 with fifty-eight members. The entire membership was divided into five study sections. From the beginning the object of the Branch has been to have every member in a study group, and to have the work on a graduate level. There are today ten study groups—they are International Relations, Fine Arts, Creative Poetry, French, Drama, Book, Literature (Southern Writers), Pre-School Teen Age Topics and Pre-Adolescent.

A local Scholarship Fund was one of the earliest projects and has been of great service to students at the Evansville College, but when National presented Fellowship, the Branch transferred \$200 from this Fund to the Fellowship Fund. The Evansville Branch has given over \$2000 to Fellowship.

Since its organization, the Branch has grown steadily in the knowledge that it was part of National, and made its purposes and objects their own. It gave almost a \$1000 to the National Club House.

Evansville Branch helped to set up the State organization in 1923, and our members have served on the State Board. In 1924 Mrs. Helen Davidson was the State Treasurer, and in 1926 she was elected State President; Mrs. O. C. Stevens served as chairman of a committee to revise the State Constitution. Mrs. John Sanders has served on many State committees, and in 1940 Miss Inez Ahlering served as treasurer.

Our branch today has 234 members. It has taken part in many local and civic enterprises, and it has become a great influence in the civic, cultural and educational life of Evansville.

Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Historian

### RICHMOND BRANCH

On May 20, 1924, six Richmond women, graduates of six colleges, came to the conclusion that this city should have a branch of the American Association of University Women. By September the national board had granted a charter, and the membership had reached eighty-six. In 1948 the membership has climbed to one hundred twenty-one.

The Richmond branch has steadily maintained study groups in International Relations, Pre-School Education, Current Literature, Liberal Arts, and Social Studies. Interest in fellowships, legislation, the economic and legal status of women, and recent graduates has flourished.

Richmond women have served the state organization as vice-president, as secretary, as chairmen and members of committees on fellowships, fine arts, social studies, nominations, college relations, and extension. In 1939 they were hostesses to the Indiana State Division.

The Richmond association has sponsored book and toy exhibits, achievement fairs, motion pictures for children, lecture series, a nursery school; in cooperation with other organizations it has secured the regular appointment of a woman to the Board of School Trustees, arranged community forums, studied the qualifications of local political candidates.

At teas in honor of the graduating women of Earlham College the aims of AAUW have been presented annually in the hope that these young women will avail themselves of the opportunities it affords.

Dr. Ruby Davis, Historian

### **TERRE HAUTE BRANCH**

The Terre Haute Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized May 21, 1924 with thirty-six members, and became affiliated with the national organization in April, 1925. The total membership for 1947-1948 was one hundred ninety national and five associate members, including Miss Sirii Sallman of Finland, who was given a complimentary membership.

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Scholarships were granted to college and high school girls until January, 1936. The branch contributed \$1,947.25 to the Kathryn McHale Fellowship, and has established the Lydia Whitaker International Study Grant, which was held by Miss Frosso Carydis of Greece for study of engineering at Purdue University in 1947-1948.

Study groups were started in October, 1933 with the organization of four interest groups. The following groups are active now: Creative Arts, Recent Graduates, Consumer Education, Pre-School Child Study, Radio, and Legislative.

The most outstanding achievements have been the active participation of individual members in community projects as representatives of the branch; financial contributions to worthwhile causes; the sponsorship of series of meetings for the public on such topics as woman's responsibility to her government, the San Francisco Conference, and the Marshall Plan; conducting of an educational campaign to secure a Grade A Milk Ordinance; arrangements for a survey of the juvenile delinquency problem and recreational facilities in Terre Haute by an expert consultant; assistance in the organizing of the Council of Women's Clubs; and the organization and maintenance of the Toy Loan Center.

Miss Jessie Woolford

Miss Josephine Evans, Historians

### **CONNERSVILLE BRANCH**

The Connersville Branch of the American Association of University Women began in 1924 with only ten charter members; and, no doubt, with limited ideas of the extensive work before them.

As the chapter grew in numbers, having a membership of seventy-four in 1948, it seemed also to expand in ideals and aspirations to reach the goals set for University Women.

In so limited a space it is impossible to more than mention some of the things the Connersville Branch has done.

One of our constant aims, however, has been to interest the girls of the high school in higher education. To that end, each year, we have entertained the senior girls and their mothers at a reception at which all available honors, scholarships, and loans are explained in detail.

We have given scholarships, and offered scholarships and loans of our own for which money was raised in devious ways.

Study Groups have been a regular feature of AAUW; but the Pre-School and International Relations Groups have been the most popular. In fact the "Pre-School" Group has grown so rapidly and been so effective that a new group, "Pre-Adolescent" was formed this year.

One project in which we take pride was the initiating and sponsoring, with other civic groups, "The Fayette Forum," which brought many capable speakers to large and interested audiences.

Our programs have been many kinds. One year the theme was "This Modern Age." At another time it was "Cultural Interests of the Present Day." This year it consisted of a variety of subjects equally interesting.

Partly as money making projects and partly as community benefits, we have presented, at different times, Mr. Kallet, known as the "Guinea Pig," the adventurous Richard Halliburton, and this year, the delightful Katherine Turney Garten to appreciative audiences.

On the social side there have been Christmas parties, suppers, and teas, with the closing event of each year the lovely reception in May given for senior girls and their mothers.

Many important and interesting things have had to be omitted in this brief history; however we hope that their effects linger in the minds and hearts of many.

Mrs. Rutherford

Mrs. Ada Wise, Historians

### FRANKLIN BRANCH

Four of the 36 Charter members of the Franklin branch of the AAUW are still active, and it is interesting to note their memorable records of service.

Two have had twenty-four years of active membership and service; Mrs. William Featherngill, who is the only person to serve three consecutive years as President, 1926-1929; and Miss Hollis Hughes, who has served the longest term in office, has been treasurer for ten consecutive years. Miss Naomi Mullendore served as President, 1936-1938, and the fourth person, Miss Ethelyn Miller, is the one whose zealous interest and

spirit acted as the leavening agent in the organization in 1924. She is also the only President to serve two separate terms, 1940-1942 and 1946-1948.

The Franklin Chapter believes in the Scholarship Fund. Ten girls have been helped to go to Franklin College, and one of these girls became active in the group on graduation, and finally was elected President 1944-1946!

Thanks again to Miss Miller we have received word from National that we have had more Art Exhibits than any other Branch our size!

Now that a "History" has at last been compiled, we feel sure that it will act as a Magic Measuring Stick spurring the Franklin Branch to greater and greater deeds of service.

Mrs. A. D. Unversaw, Historian

### MUNCIE BRANCH

The Muncie Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized in January, 1925. The constitution of the National Association arranged for branches was adopted. It was decided to have national and associate members, the membership being based upon national qualifications.

In the first six months the Muncie Branch learned much about the work of the American Association of University Women, authorized the secretary to write the Delaware County Representative in the state legislature a letter stating the Branch's wishes about pending legislation, shared in the state convention and the national convention at Indianapolis, held a chapel at Central High School to interest senior girls in further education, met socially, and arranged for two groups of special study.

The desire to meet socially once or twice a year, the opportunity to share the unusual experiences of a member or of some one else, needs and interests of members, and community, state, and national needs and problems have motivated the activities of the Branch and groups and suggested the programs for the general and group meetings.

Two national presidents have visited the Muncie Branch, Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt in January, 1926, and Dr. Althea Kratz Hottell in January, 1948. In May, 1930, the Branch entertained the State Convention.

The Branch established a Scholarship Fund to aid local high school girls and women of Ball State Teachers College interested in higher education, paid seventy-five dollars toward Washington Headquarters, has contributed each year to the Fellowship Fund, has conducted each year a high school chapel for senior girls, has since 1939 given information about AAUW to the senior women of Ball State Teachers College, has at times opened its meetings to AAUW members in neighboring cities, to members of various organizations, and to the general public, and has had informed speakers from the community, from the state, from the nation, and from abroad.

Dr. May Klipple

Mrs. Roy Keever, Historians

## CRAWFORDSVILLE BRANCH

The Crawfordsville Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized on February 18, 1925. The meeting was held in the Club Room of the Public Library. The sponsors for the organization were Mrs. Frank Streightoff, Indianapolis, and Miss Stella Fox, Lafayette. Forty-four charter members were registered.

The newly elected officers were: President, Mrs. Frank Davidson; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Walter, and Secretary, Miss Edith Higgins. The meetings were to be held in the homes on the second Monday each month at 7:30. The dues were \$2.50. As the Branch was organized in February, there were only three members during that year. Miss Anna Caroline Crane was chosen delegate to the convention at Bloomington, Indiana.

The President, Mrs. Davidson resigned because of ill health, and Miss Ursula Caster finished the term, and was succeeded by Mrs. Raymond Ross, who served from April until December. Mrs. Ross moved to New York City. Mrs. Noble Shaw served as president from December 1926 to April 1928. Two State Presidents, Dr. Bromfield and Mrs. H. L. Smith were invited early as guest speakers. In 1929, Mrs. John T. Wheeler, State President was a guest lecturer. The Crawfordsville Branch was fortunate in being able to secure many splendid speakers.

Great stress is placed upon the programs of the Branch, and it is very worth-while as shown in the display at the Fort Wayne Convention and the artistic arrangement of pages from those programs on the history sheets.

Crawfordsville is to be congratulated on the work done by her many study groups, and also for the beautiful history.

On April 15, 1947, the Branch was saddened by the death of Miss Mabel Fertich, who was a charter member, active worker in the organization and, in the estimation of the State Historian, the most efficient Branch Historian of all. Miss Fertich loved the work, and she showed that in many ways. Pictures of state officers, and some National ones are neatly arranged on the pages of her AAUW history. Thanks to Mrs. E. K. Chapman, Branch President, and Miss Betty Jean Shockley, Secretary for completing the years 1946-1948 of the history so splendidly, and as Miss Fertich would have had them done.

Miss Mabel Fertich

Miss Della Dennis

Miss Ethel Blake, Historians

## MICHIGAN CITY BRANCH

A group of college and university women met in the public library April 1, 1925 at 8 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a branch of the American Association of University Women. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Mary Hays (Mrs. Clarence Sweeney); Vice-president, Dr. Nelle C. Reed; Corresponding secretary, Henrietta Fealock; Recording secretary, Mrs. Kathryn Murray; and Treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Gill.

## PERU BRANCH

The Peru Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized in 1925. The history of its activities and accomplishments were well written by Miss Hester Wood, the historian of the branch. I regret to say that I cannot explain its omission from "The History of the Indiana Division" for I did not notice it until after the completion of the book. I am sorry.

Cora M. Doehleman



The senior tea was one of the group's first projects and has been a tradition of the branch since 1926. The first one was held June 8 at the home of Thelma Ledbetter. Each year since then, the group has had an open meeting, with a guest speaker. The topic was one of community interest. In 1947 our speaker was one of our own members, Emma Schwanenland Haynes, who spoke on the Nurenburg trials. Mrs. Haynes was secretary to Colonel Andrus in Nurenburg for nearly two years. The fellowship program also has grown with the years. The Branch 1947-1948 had 111 members.

Past presidents were: Mrs. W. H. Daly, Mrs. W. W. Vail, Mrs. David R. Miller, Miss Mabel Engstrom, Mrs. Glenn Ross, Mrs. Goldie Shepherd, Mrs. Owen Nicewarner, Mrs. William Ferrier, Mrs. F. H. Carstens, Mrs. Francis Fargher, Mrs. M. C. Murray, Miss Mildred Dahlberg, and Miss Mellie Luck. During the last year Miss Luck was honored by an appointment on the State Board as Radio Chairman.

Mrs. Phyllis Henry Lutz

Mrs. Grace Saunders, Historians

#### ANDERSON BRANCH

The Anderson Branch of the AAUW was organized during the winter of 1925 and 1926. The officers elected were: Mrs. Bess Miller, president; Miss Mary Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Claude Lee, secretary; Miss Marion Rose, corresponding secretary, and Miss Lillian Bassett, treasurer. The successful beginning of the group was credited to Mrs. Miller for until she came into office, the university women were a struggling dozen with only a temporary president. Mrs. Miller's first project was to make accessible to high school students a book of college requirements as she was always interested in "Better Education for Women." The tea honoring senior girls, which has become an annual event was originally planned to help the girls with their problems concerning college.

During the next few years, the Anderson Branch extended its activities to participate in district, state and national meetings and to take an interest in civic and art affairs. In 1935, the branch was hostess for the thirteenth annual state convention. Mrs. W. J. Repetto was elected state secretary for 1935-1936. Others who have served on state boards were Mrs. F. C. Guthrie, chairman of International Relations from 1941 to 1943, and Miss Angeline Bellisio, chairman of Publicity for 1946. The Lecture Series has been sponsored yearly since its institution in 1937 solely as a civic project.

From 1925 to 1948, the branch has grown from forty to one hundred and ninety-three members. There have been thirteen presidents. Of the charter members, the following are still active: Mrs. Ella Goss, Mrs. Marguerite Hale, Mrs. Dane Hoover, Miss Geneva Janney, Mrs. Howard Lindsey, Mrs. Carl Morrow and Mrs. C. D. Rotruck.

The following excerpt was taken from the historical sketch of the Anderson Branch written by Mrs. Frank Allis for Mrs. Dickey's collection.

"At the first meeting of Mrs. Willis J. Repetto's presidency in 1933-1934, a beautiful memorial service was given by Mrs. Gordon Wilder for Mrs. Erwin Miller who died July 12, 1933. Mrs. Miller helped the Anderson Branch probably more than any other one member both by her enthusiasm and by her untiring work. Her name more than any other is interwoven in the history of the Branch."

Miss Gretchen Ritter

Miss Laura Winters, Historians

### LOGANSPORT BRANCH

The Logansport Branch of AAUW was organized in 1925 with 36 members representing 22 colleges. We now have 109 members representing 26 colleges. This Branch is very active and meetings are well attended.

Beginning in 1927 a book award of \$25 was given each year to the outstanding senior girl who planned to go to college. The award was increased to \$50 in 1945.

The Branch has held meetings regularly and has presented musical, literary, and educational programs. Over the years the speakers have been exchange students from abroad, teachers from other countries who are studying in our colleges, legislators from the General Assembly, and college men and women of outstanding ability.

Each year special groups organize for special purposes. In 1946 a Sunday Evening dinner Club was started. It is composed of 10 young matrons and their husbands who discuss current problems. In 1947 another group, composed largely of rural members was formed. Also we have a Recent Graduate Club whose members turn their attention to specific civic improvements. The Branch donated to all "drives"—T. B., Red Cross, Cancer, and local charities, and helps on educational civic and social problems of the community, as well as co-operating with the AAUW in its general work.

In order to meet our financial obligations we have done the usual things to make money, such as bridge parties, lectures to which we charged admission or sold various articles on commission.

During the depression years the membership decreased but not the interest. In the last five years the branch has continued to grow and there are now fifty-five national and seventeen associate members. Twelve of the original charter members are still active.

Miss Mary Shultz

Miss Mary Bradfield, Historians

### LAPORTE BRANCH

1926-1930

La Porte branch was founded April 26th, with 14 charter members who elected Mrs. Howard McLane as the first president. From the first, programs were properly serious, educational and entertaining, and

these have been the basis for a steadily growing organization now with 119 members. In 1928, a custom that was to grow into one of the branch's favorite projects, was initiated—a tea for all the High School girl graduates, held when possible, at the Country Club. Participation in State Fellowship Program started in 1928. The following year, a local scholarship was created for needy students entering College. Our first study group was child study.

#### 1930-1935

A book group, an international relations group, and a consumer study group were initiated. Our Frankie Jones was State Treasurer. Community projects consisted of a large toy exhibit and a series of public lecturers. The latter continuing for 4 seasons.

#### 1935-1940

We were elated to possess in 1936-37 the brass lamp of learning which was our reward for having the largest per capita contributions to the state Fellowship Fund. We were happy to entertain our State President Mrs. J. McCord. A new group started in this period was the poetry group. Of civic service was our sponsoring of 10 lectures on "Guadance" at the High School. Later we sponsored a guidance program at the High School employing Mrs. Rosalie Waltz, visiting psychologist in the Chicago High Schools. Miss Mabel Engstrom of Michigan City gave a report on meetings of International Federation of University Women, held at Stockholm. In retrospect, it was of interest that Dr. Murphy reviewed "Mein Kampf" showing how Hitler had written a plan for world domination.

#### 1940-1945

Mrs. L. Philon presented the La Porte Branch history. We were proud to have Mrs. J. E. Magnuson as State Social Studies Chairman and Mrs. Fred Sykes as State Education Chairman. In the war years, the branch contributed money to Red Cross and War Relief Fund, and members' time and energies were given to Ration Board work and making of surgical dressings. The Social group worked on Knapsack Library Kits for servicemen. A Study group in Practical Arts offered meetings in interior decoration, dress designing, and typing. A thriving Spanish class did some intensive work on speech. During an "open" meeting Mr. W. H. Galiene, British Consul-General was our speaker. Post-War planning programs came in this period as well as the beginning of one "pot-luck supper" meeting annually.

#### 1945-1948

Much time and thought was spent on "Workshop" meetings for which each standing committee prepared a short interpretive program in its particular field. The purpose of this was that each member "Know What La Porte AAUW Branch Is Doing."

One of the outstanding projects was the mailing of 60 relief boxes to worthy members of International Federation of University Women in war torn countries. Money, food, clothing and other needs were donated by branch members and were skillfully packed under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. Magnuson, International Relations, chairman.

We started to sponsor one "student open house" at the Y. M. C. A. per year. A donation was given to the fund for rehabilitation of University women in foreign countries. The International Relations group and the Fellowship committee joined to entertain Elsa Van Dien, AAUW fellow from Holland, at a tea. She was given a substantial cash gift. In spring of 1947 the Board entertained the Recent Graduates, of the last ten years, at a party to promote the formation of an active Recent Graduate group. In the season 1947-48 this came into full bloom with 16 girls meeting monthly, doing a Practicum in puppetry as part of the Creative Arts section, and promising their first production as the program of the Senior Tea. Creative Arts, besides the puppetry practicum and its continually active Poetry group, started two new and popular groups in interior decoration and designing. The Social Studies committee, the Social group, and Education committee steered the branch in making money for a local project—namely the paying of one month's salary to a special teacher for a small group of children who could not make satisfactory progress in mass instruction. The Legislative and Status of Women committees compiled a list of qualified members to serve on civic boards. This was presented in an interview, to our newly-elected Mayor. The Parliamentarian and her committee completely revised our local constitution. A tireless Membership committee raised our total membership to 119 members. The International Relations group purchased the official exhibit from the Committee of Atomic Information, Washington D. C. and displayed it in schools and other public places.

Our past President, Mrs. Edward Staats, made a fine record as State Fellowship Chairman.

Miss Dorothy Dick

Mrs. Jay L. Fay

Mrs. William M. Kolash, Historians

### VINCENNES BRANCH

In April, 1926, Mrs. Cora Doehleman having contacted AAUW members at Martin's Ferry, Ohio in 1925, suggested to Mrs. Emily Emison and Miss Arleigh Bunting, (Mrs. Davis) that a branch be organized in Vincennes. In Vincennes University May 26th, eleven college women signed approval. Of the twenty-one members who signed the charter in October, nine are still active. Membership has fluctuated from 16 to 68 in 1948.

Lectures, Sales, Parties, Shows, and Theatricals built the early Treasury.

In our twenty-two years, we gave Art Exhibits and Lectures for ourselves and for the public; annual Christmas musicales, encouraging local talent; entertained graduates each year encouraging them to higher education.

For several years our annual per capita contribution to the \$40,000 Fellowship Fund pledged by Indiana AAUW has been the largest in the state.

Our Legislative Committees have sent endorsements to our State Legislators and Congressmen on many constructive laws.

We sponsor a troop of Girl Scouts in Junior High School.

All members worked faithfully in various activities during the war years. This year we sent warm clothing to Europe.

\$470.00 advanced to women to complete Indiana University courses has been repaid.

Our original health survey of Vincennes School children in 1930, submitted to the City School Superintendent, was the beginning of the present well-developed health program conducted annually in our schools.

The Vincennes Branch feels deeply indebted to Mrs. Doehleman, our present State Historian, who was largely responsible for the existence of our branch and who continued a staunch member until she moved to Lebanon in 1940.

Mrs. Walter Davis  
Mrs. George Littell, Historians

### **VALPARAISO BRANCH**

The first meeting of the Valparaiso branch of the AAUW was held December 30, 1930 at the home of the founder, Mrs. Virgil E. Berry. The charter members besides Mrs. Berry were: Miss Ether Baum, Miss Mabel Benney, Mrs. H. D. Clark, Mrs. T. O. Dillon, Mrs. G. R. Douglas, Mrs. M. A. Hanlon, Miss Hazel Kendall, Mrs. Eugene Parker, Miss Helen Pascoe, Dr. Edna Robinson, Miss Vera Sieb, Mrs. John Sievers Jr. and Mrs. John Van Ness.

At the end of the year there were twenty national members enrolled in our branch. The number has steadily grown until we now have fifty-two, although at times there were more.

Our work in the AAUW has followed the regular programs printed for guidance by the national board as near as possible. The speakers at the meetings were drawn from our membership list, the high school, Valparaiso University, and nearby towns and Universities. Our programs have been outstanding, and of vital interest to the members, and to other citizens of the community.

Publicly we have assisted with pre-school clinics, held educational and toy exhibits, assisted with the G.A.A. of the high school, which we sponsor, girl scout work, Red Cross drives, Community Council, and the City Planning Board. Each year we present an educational guidance program for the high school.

Mrs. V. E. Berry, Historian

### **ELKHART BRANCH**

The Elkhart Branch of AAUW was organized on January 29, 1932, with thirty-eight charter members. At first the meetings were held in members' homes, but by 1935 the branch had grown to the point where

the space offered by the Women's League Building was needed, and meetings are still held there.

Our usual plan is to have each chairman be responsible for a program during the year. We have availed ourselves of any regional and national AAUW speakers who come our way and have secured outside speakers when their contribution seemed to be of greater value than our own members' could be. We have had a weekly radio program on our local station, with speakers discussing phases of some timely theme.

We have sponsored numerous ballet and concert numbers. With the Knife and Fork Club we have sponsored since 1933 a course of lectures which brings to the city six splendid speakers each year. This year we helped launch the Great Books project.

Our membership at present is 113; we have had 119 in another year. Our per capita Fellowship contribution this year is \$1.98, the fourth highest in the state. Last year we gave \$514 for a Study Grant which was awarded to Nicole Jaquet of Paris, who has been studying business administration at Indiana University.

The total Fellowship contribution for our branch is \$2003.70, ranking us ninth in the state.

Miss June Deal

Mrs. Ada Sickles, Historians

#### NEW ALBANY BRANCH

The New Albany Branch of American Association of University Women was first organized as a study group attached to the Louisville, Kentucky Branch in 1932. Officers were chosen and a program of book study arranged.

In February of 1933, the visiting director of this southern region suggested that since this new group was north of the Ohio River, it would obviate complications if it became an independent group and affiliated with the Indiana family. It seemed expedient to observe the geographic boundaries suggested by the national office.

Inquiry of the State Expansion Chairman brought the state-recommended constitution and the Michigan City Year Book. With these as guides, the New Albany Branch of American Association of University Women was formed in November 1933. The officers elected were: President, Naomi J. Kirk; Vice President, Thelma L. Huntsinger; Secretary, Alice Thompson, and Treasurer, Mary Bartle. There were twenty-two charter members, and four more were added during the year.

The branch has remained small, and in consequence has limited its activities. No more than one study group has been organized in any given year. The most successful ones have been on International Relations, Kindergarten Schools, Modern Poetry and Art. The branch draws from its own membership for many worth while programs as well as bringing in outstanding guest speakers.

Mrs. Roy D. Daniel

Miss Naomi Kirk

Mrs. Edward Brownstein, Historians

## FORT WAYNE COLLEGE CLUB AND AAUW BRANCH

To Miss Alice Worden, who resided on West Wayne Street in Fort Wayne, goes the distinction of organizing the College Club of Fort Wayne, when she invited interested women to her home in October, 1910. While no record was kept of this first meeting, a reading of the first recording the following month, November 14, 1910, indicates there was considerable action.

"The first regular meeting was held November 14, 1910, at the home of Miss Ruth Beers. A constitution was read, corrected, and adopted. The chair appointed a nominating committee and the election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. Page Yarnelle; Vice President, Miss Harrington; Secretary, Miss Olive Doud; Treasurer, Miss Italia Evans.

"A motion was carried to aid Mrs. Potts in forming a Working Girl's Home.

"Meeting adjourned.

Almana Beebe  
Secretary pro tem."

"One marvels at the philanthropies of these early members, with dues at 50 cents a year. Some of these earliest ones were short-lived because the need was short-lived, and in passing we mention only those which live today, either in their original state, or with new faces and new affiliations are an integral part of today's community life in Fort Wayne.

First in 1913 there were the Extension Clubs, offering courses of all kinds, which in 1916 became the Vocational Department of the Fort Wayne Public Schools. Today there are Extension Centers in Fort Wayne. Recreation and classes for the Negro in 1916-1918 resulted in today's Phyllis Wheatley Center for Negroes. The College Club Day Nursery, started in 1918, became incorporated in 1922, and today is an Agency Member of the Community Chest, and in this year of 1948 has been given the responsibility of taking over Day Care in Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The early affiliations with the Y.W.C.A. and the Art School have made present day associations pleasant ones. The Art School houses the new College Club Memorial Library, and the Y.W.C.A. is the scene of the monthly board and supper meetings.

The College Club as early as 1913 began its campaign, 'midst jests, "wise-cracks" and cartoons, to gain Suffrage for Women. Today's Legal Status group "treads where angels fear to trod" to keep politics clean. We salute the committee which in the city election of 1948 called on the candidates to get signed statements to place a woman on each governing board.

In the year of 1939-1940 the College Club became a branch of AAUW. Its study groups now number thirteen. Two of our members are now on state boards, and two serving on state committees. The present membership totals 597—471 national, with 126 associate.

In viewing 38 years of work, one is aware of the contributions made

to the city of Fort Wayne, socially, culturally and philanthropically. We quote from Dr. Susan B. Riley's "Art of Survival" which this year was used as the fore-word in our year book:

"One of the contributions which women have made to the history of culture is preservation. . . . Women have more power than they have dreamed of. If their latest strength was once aroused and organized, they could accomplish miracles. They could even stop war."

Miss Helen Rapp

Mrs. A. E. Askerberg, Historians

### PORLAND BRANCH

A group of women met on December 8, 1934, to organize a local branch of the American Association of University Women. A member of the Expansion Committee of the National Organization was present. A temporary chairman was chosen, who appointed committees. At the following meeting, December 10, the nominating committee's suggested list of officers was presented and accepted. The committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws made a report of its work. The proposed constitution was adopted. It was decided that meetings be held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Thus was launched our local organization—the Portland Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Our programs have dealt with various subjects—Education, Social Studies, Creative Arts and Crafts, Economic and Legal Status of Women, Legislation, Economics, International Relations, Conditions in a World at War, The Post-War World, Industry, Labor, Agriculture, Creative Writing, the Drama, and others.

Programs have taken the form of book reviews, exhibits, talks, panel discussions, and reports of surveys made. Examples of some study groups that have been organized are: "International Relations"; "Writer's Workshop"; and "Great Books".

The branch has sponsored such worth-while programs as a lecture by Richard Halliburton and a concert by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

A play, "Madame Curie", written by a member of the local branch was presented in 1939. A Little Theater group, which was organized following this presentation, grew into a community project.

Our branch is represented on the Girls' Activities Council. Another community project is the tea for Senior Girls.

Miss Josephine Slemmer, Historian

### MISHAWAKA BRANCH

On October 8, 1934, 53 college and university women who lived and worked in Mishawaka organized the Mishawaka Branch of the American Association of University Women. During the 14 years, the membership has grown gradually from 53 charter members to 105.

Through the years, the program committee has offered the members inspiration for the association by bringing national, regional, and state officers to speak at meetings, locally or jointly with the South Bend branch. Current national and international problems have been discussed by highly qualified people and members of diplomatic services. The arts—music, painting, the theatre—have had their place on programs. During the war, science and international understanding were stressed. Except during the war years, vicarious trips to many different countries on all the continents were made possible by the courtesy of members who had had summer travels.

From the beginning, there have always been from two to four study groups—always a Fine Arts and an International Relations Group.

Since 1940, senior girls have been guests at a tea, originating as a vocational tea at which “career” women spoke on business or professional opportunities in their field. This is now our annual project of the Recent Graduates Group.

The branch has had the honor of having its first president, Miss Mary Gibbard, elected as the first vice-president of Indiana AAUW.

Mrs. Grace Zimmerman, the energetic chairman of The International Relations Group, recently completed a survey of the teaching done in the public schools to further children’s understanding of the U. N. Mishawaka has the honor of being one of the three Indiana school systems selected by national headquarters for such a survey.

Miss Leila Heimbach

Miss Mary C. Dunn, Historians

### JAMESTOWN BRANCH

Three meetings were necessary before the organization of the Jamestown Branch of AAUW was really completed. In October a meeting was called to find interested persons. In November at the home of Helen Schaaf the organization was planned. The constitution was drawn up at the home of Frances Shockley in December. On January 8, 1935 at the home of Eula Rose Martin, the first officers were elected. They were: President, Helen Schaaf; Vice-President, Ruth Hickman; Secretary and Treasurer, Eula Rose Martin.

There were seventeen charter members, but one who worked the hardest for the organization could not be one of its members. Mrs. Wren had graduated from Oxford College for Women in 1877. Her college was not on the approved list. No doubt her great desire for the Jamestown Branch brought about its organization, and her interest and loyalty has never wavered. Later her name appeared on the book as an honor member.

Mrs. Schaaf, Mrs. Leavenworth, and Dr. Theodore Gronert are mentioned as those greatly appreciated by members of the Branch for their willingness to aid, not only by their addresses, but in every way possible.

Like many of the Branches the programs for the earlier years were given mainly by the members.

Mrs. Helen Schaaf was at one time State Chairman of Social Studies.

During the year 1946-1947 many interesting subjects were discussed at their meetings. Some were: "On Control of Atomic Energy", "The Negro", "Every Child Needs a Home", "Psychiatry".

Miss Bernice Wren, one of the charter members, and the present historian, is a daughter of the Mrs. Anna Wren, the honor member.

Mrs. Ruth Spohr

Miss Bernice Wren, Historians

### GARY BRANCH

On May 10, 1937, twenty college women completed the organization of the Gary Branch of the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Joseph McCord, who was then State President, attended the luncheon arranged for this particular occasion. Mrs. McCord discussed requirements for national membership affiliation, and the program of this association.

At the first meeting October 5, 1937, the membership totaled 51. By May 1938, there were 67 paid up members, and a goal of 100 was set for the following year.

For the second year, the theme "Culture of the Mid-West" was chosen. Study groups have always held a very important place in the Gary Branch of AAUW. Often members who did not attend the general meetings regularly would take very active parts in the special group.

Gary's first state officer was Mrs. Frank Greenwald, who was appointed State Arts Chairman in the summer of 1945. In October of 1945, the arts study group sponsored a talk by Miss Lura Beam, National Associate in Arts.

Many outstanding speakers have appeared on the AAUW programs. Among these were: Miss Marion Talbot, founder of AAUW in 1937, Dr. Helen C. White, Dr. Esther Cole Franklin, and in March 1944, Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, then state president. At a meeting in February of 1947, Mrs. Kimmel, state president, was a guest speaker, and stressed the importance of participation in government by AAUW members.

Five delegates, with all expenses paid, were sent to the convention at French Lick, Indiana.

Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel, national president, addressed the Gary and Valparaiso branches at a luncheon meeting in January 1947, and all branches who heard Dr. Hottel will agree with the statement made, "Dr. Hottel did more than anyone has ever done to make our branch internationally minded."

Miss Elsie Cooper

Mrs. Ralph Gilpin

Mrs. Arthur Todd, Historians

## ATTICA BRANCH

The Attica Branch of the AAUW, which includes members from Williamsport also, was organized in the spring of 1937. Charter members were as follows: Mabel Claypool, Mabel Ellis, Irene Foster, Verna Himmelright, Hazel Jones, Elizabeth Lemper, Pearl Ludlow, Frances Macoughtry, Ethel McEwen, Nayne Reed, Martha Swanson, and Alice White. In the eleven years of its existence this Branch has more than doubled its membership.

Our Presidents have been: Hazel Jones, Frances Macoughtry, Esther Meharry, Cordelia Springman, Ruth Cunningham, Nayne Reed, Eva Leath, and this year Betty Swift has distinguished herself by being President, having a baby, and not missing a single meeting.

Study has been carried on in the general meetings. The scope of this work may be judged by the fact that in the eleven years, we have reviewed the History and Arts of Japan, Latin America, Canada, India, China, Spain, Russia, and the Balkans. We have also discussed various phases of the Negro question, and the messages of contemporary novels both American and European.

Teas for high school seniors and their mothers, community book reviews and lectures, and frequent dinners for "just us" have added a lighter note to the years.

Miss Pauline Reed  
Miss Mabel Claypool  
Miss Nayne Reed, Historians

## PLYMOUTH BRANCH

On October 12, 1939, a meeting was held to consider the advisability of organizing the Marshall County Branch of University Women. The nominating committee was appointed and also one on constitution and By-Laws.

The final meeting for organization was held October 19, 1939. The following officers were nominated and elected: President, Mrs. George Tate; First Vice-President, Mrs. Paul G. Carothers; Second Vice-president, Mrs. Ellen Goode; Treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Posolt; Secretary, Miss Katherine Garn.

Because of the rationing of gasoline and tires at that time, the members of Argos, Bourbon, and Plymouth could not attend and dropped their memberships. It was then decided to rename the organization, the Plymouth Chapter.

Miss Frances E. Emerson's history differs from all others filed, as she has given with all names of members, their colleges, degrees, majors for many, and year of graduation. They are interesting and sometimes very helpful.

The first important project undertaken by the Plymouth Branch was the Nursery School. It was a pre-kindergarten, under the super-

vision of a trained teacher, Mrs. J. R. Mallory. The AAUW sponsored this project for two years until taken over by the mothers of the pre-school children.

Plymouth really succeeded in securing a woman of AAUW on the School Board, to the entire satisfaction of all women's clubs in the town.

Mrs. Van Cleave, then State Vice-president, was the guest speaker for the September meeting in 1946-'47.

Four study clubs are mentioned, and they were open to anyone who cared to attend.

Frances E. Emerson

Marcella Cornetet. Historians

### LEBANON BRANCH

Lebanon had her culture clubs, and service clubs, and social clubs, and just clubs, overlapping in membership and functions, until it was frequently remarked colloquially, "Lebanon is clubbed to death." Yet there remained a void that was recognized and deeply felt by women who know the high standards of AAUW, and the specific purposes of its programs.

In the spring of 1941, Mrs. Cora M. Doebleman retired from teaching in Vincennes, Indiana, and returned to Lebanon, her former home, where she established her residence. She talked to her friends in Lebanon, and found a ready response to her suggestions, that an AAUW branch be organized here.

The tide of war was running high and still rapidly rising. Clubs were being suspended to give place to war work. But following a vision of future work to be done, a group of college women met in the home of Mrs. Doebleman on Saturday evening, October 31, 1942, and organized the Lebanon Branch of AAUW.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Cora M. Doebleman; first vice-president, Miss Lydia Bell; second vice-president, Miss Betty Adney; secretary, Miss Helen Kenworthy; treasurer, Mrs. T. L. Christian.

The following were charter members: Mrs. Frank Adney, Miss Betty Adney, Miss Lydia Bell, Miss Ruth Brookshire, Mrs. Eugene Buchanan, Mrs. T. L. Christian, Mrs. Glynn L. Coryell, Mrs. Cora Doebleman, Miss Grace Etchinson; Mrs. James H. Hoy, Mrs. Frank Hutchinson, Miss Helen Kenworthy, Mrs. G. H. McKenzie, Miss Mary Ann Tauer. Two charter members, Mrs. Frank Adney, and Miss Helen Kenworthy are deceased. Mrs. Frank Adney was one who was most eager for the organization.

Mrs. Doebleman, because no one seemed to be willing to become president, kindly served four years.

Throughout the first year and in all the years since, the club has consistently followed the lines of work set by the cardinal purposes of AAUW. Besides developing interesting programs within its own mem-

bership, the club has gained favorable recognition for AAUW by bringing lectures each year for either public or guest meetings whose addresses stimulated public interest. During the second year a series of five lectures were given by noted speakers free to the public, sponsored by the club.

The membership has kept steadily at an average of about thirty. The recently elected president, Mrs. Eugene Buchanan, has invited the officers to a planning dinner in June, when work for the coming year will be discussed with the purpose of broadening the influence of the club, and making its activities more efficient.

One of our members, Mrs. Doebleman, was appointed the first historian of the Indiana Division in 1945, and will have finished her fourth year June 1949. She hopes to have completed near that time the first "History of the Indiana Division of the American Association of University Women."

Lydia Bell Historian

### COLUMBUS BRANCH

The Columbus branch of the American Association of University Women was organized September 3, 1941.

The charter members were Mrs. William Baker, Miss Mary Bottorf, Mrs. Cyrus Clevenger, Mrs. Paul Daugherty, Mrs. Ralph W. Fraker, Mrs. A. H. Lawrence, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Helen Lowe, Mrs. Harold H. Lurie, Miss Mildred Maley, Mrs. Murray McKee, Mrs. Byron Miller, Mrs. Charles Mohr, Miss Mildred Murray, Mrs. George Newlin, Mrs. J. W. Rowell, Miss Evelyn Seward, Mrs. Sydney Showalter, Mrs. Raymond E. Smiley, Miss Verna Taylor, and Mrs. Frank Woodburn.

The presidents were Mrs. Murray McKee, Miss Evelyn Seward, Miss Mildred Murray, Mrs. Ernest H. Leeka, Mrs. Carl F. Elster and Mrs. Samuel Kroot.

During the first year a very interesting program was given by Mrs. James Robison and Mrs. Wm. Merrill, of Bloomington, a panel discussion on the Equal Rights Amendment.

A splendid project was the establishment of the Day Nursery, March, 1942. It was carried on during the winter, spring and summer in the Jefferson School building, this day nursery thrived under the AAUW sponsorship. There was tremendous publicity, and it made the community conscious of the AAUW as a new, young group undertaking a new worthwhile war project. The nursery was taken over by the government and it was continued until September 1945.

In 1946 Mrs. Herbert A. Trueman, the historian, gave a summary of the 64 years' history of AAUW. It is the opinion of the State Historian that it would be very worthwhile if each Branch program chairman had the privilege of reading the Columbus History, for it has so many splendid speakers and programs discussed.

The Book Review group is to be congratulated on its splendid work.

Mrs. Herbert A. Trueman, Historian

## MARTINSVILLE BRANCH

The Martinsville Branch of AAUW made its first attempt to get started on October 31, 1946. At a later meeting the general by-laws of AAUW were adopted and the provisional officers were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. Sexson Humphreys; Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda McKrill; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Rusie. After several board meetings and two group meetings we received our official recognition. There were twenty-nine charter members.

In May, 1947, the first election was held. Also at this time new by-laws were adopted for the branch. The officers elected were President, Mrs. Sexson Humphreys; Vice-President, Mrs. Lee Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest McIlwain; Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda McKrill; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Baker.

Miss Grace Rose, a member of our branch, is one of the recipients of the twenty-five AAUW Fellowships and went to Switzerland to make a study of "The Dynamic Aspects of Plato's Philosophy." Needless to say, the Martinsville Branch is quite proud that we have such a distinguished member.

During the year 1947-1948 each committee was responsible for one program. **The Moneyman** by Thomas Costain was reviewed by the chairman of the Current Literature committee. Outside speakers presented such ideas as the "Religious Education in the Home," Educational problems in European countries during and after the war, and The reasons for our school problems in the Martinsville schools. The Fellowships, International Study Grants and Reconstruction Aid were explained by the Fellowship committee. The Arts committee took the group to Bloomington to see the exhibit of painting from the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York. So the programs were varied and most interesting to the group.

In May the officers elected for the 1948-1949 year are as follows: President, Mrs. Farran Read; Vice-President, Mrs. Ernest McIlwain; Treasurer, Mrs. Matilda McKrill; Secretary, Miss Beulah Hastings; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Jay Reese. At the close of this year there were forty national members.

Mrs. Robert Rusie

Mrs. P. W. Murrell, Historians

## FRANKFORT BRANCH

On February 9, 1946, an organization meeting was held in the auditorium of the Farmer's Bank in Frankfort, and the result was that the Frankfort Branch of the American Association of University Women was formed.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, State President; Mrs. George Stevens, State Membership Chairman, and Mrs. Cora M. Doebleman, State Historian. Besides these, there were about twenty women interested in organizing the branch.

The officers elected were Mrs. Walter Beech, President; Mrs. C. C. Forrest, First Vice-President; Miss Esther McKinney, Second Vice-President; Mrs. William Ehlers, Secretary, and Miss Golda Bess, Treasurer. A constitution and By-laws were adopted and the Frankfort Branch of AAUW was off to a flying start with thirty-two charter members.

Members of the Branch accepted an invitation to attend a dinner meeting being held in Lafayette on February 26, and heard Mr. George F. Keck, a world renowned architect, speak on "Post War Housing."

A number of the members, especially committee chairmen, attended the "Work Shop" meeting at Purdue.

Splendid progress during the second year was reported by Mrs. Clayton Cook, the historian.

Mrs. C. C. Forrest, the President, and Mrs. C. D. Holmes, International Relations Chairman, were delegates to the State AAUW Convention at French Lick.

No history sent in for 1947-1948, and no report for the "History of the Indiana Division" from the Branch Historian.

Mrs. Clayton Cook, Historian

### MOORESVILLE BRANCH

On March 25, 1946, a group of college graduates met at the home of Miss Mary K. Anderson with Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, President of the Indiana Branch of AAUW, to discuss the possibility of organizing a branch in Mooresville.

On Sunday afternoon, May 5, a tea was sponsored by the Mooresville branch for the girls of the graduating class of the Mooresville High School, and it was decided then to make it an annual affair.

The officers had been elected, and the by-laws adopted in quick time. Mary K. Anderson was president; Katrina Ragsdale, vice-president; Agnes Kellum, second vice-president; Lorna Walker, secretary; and Texa Smith, treasurer.

During the summer two social meetings were held, and plans for the coming season were discussed.

A style show was sponsored during the first year, and three meetings: one on the subject of "International Relations," another on "The Field of Higher Education," and the third on "How Well Does Your Community Meet the Needs of Today's World?"

Thirty members and guests on April 28, 1947, heard Mrs. Everett Schofield, and Mrs. John Paul Lahr discuss the National Convention of AAUW held in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Katherine Haltom was the newly elected president in 1947 and Mrs. Charles Kellum 1949. The programs for the meetings were most

interesting. Notice these subjects, please: A Discussion of National Legislation, Constitution and Bill of Rights, Mental Health Institutions in Indiana.

Mrs. Charles Kellum and Miss Katherine Anderson were delegates to the State Convention in Fort Wayne; Miss Katrina Ragsdale and Mrs. Lorna Walker also attended.

Miss Mary Katherine Anderson served as Legislative Chairman on the State Board, and was a frequent visitor in the legislative halls during the last assembly.

Mrs. Wallace Mills

Mrs. Lorna Walker, Historians

### KOKOMO BRANCH

The Kokomo Branch of AAUW was organized in the spring of 1946. Only one meeting was held before the summer recess. At this meeting Mrs. Lawrence Rumbaugh was elected President, Mrs. John Marshall, Vice President; Mrs. Howard Black, Secretary and Mrs. I. M. Borish, Treasurer. At the close of this meeting there were 35 members and at the close of the 1946-47 year there were 82. At the State Convention, the Kokomo Branch was presented a gavel for having the greatest percentage gain in membership for the year. During the first year the branch gave a tea honoring the senior girls of the Kokomo High School. Members of the branch also served as hostesses at an art exhibit at the Indiana University Extension Center. There were two study groups organized this year—Interior Decoration and Child Care.

The second year of the Kokomo Branch saw many more study groups organized. The groups were: Parliamentary Procedure, Crafts, Creative Writing, Art Appreciation, International Relations, Great Books. This year the branch sponsored a Book Week drive for needy children in the United States and Europe. In the spring of 1948 a permanent scholarship was established to be awarded to a Kokomo High School girl to be used for higher education.

Mrs. Donald M. Snider

Mrs. J. F. Meinzer, Historians

### TIPTON BRANCH

The first history, 1948-1949, of Tipton branch came on May 29, and since I have received no other reports I shall give this. Most all the other branch history reviews closed with the '48 ones.

Tipton branch of AAUW came into being in April 1948, after three organizational meetings in March, held by Mrs. Wayne Kimmel, state president, assisted by Mrs. Everett Schofield, chairman of college recognition, Dean Margaret Powell, and Miss Alice Brady, and Mrs. Harold Planck of Tipton, temporary president, and secretary-treasurer.

At the first organized meeting in April, forty charter members were enrolled, as a result of the fine cooperation of those first interested.

Miss Brady, the newly elected president, attended the Regional Conference at Toledo, and six members took part in the summer work shop at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Kimmel attended a dinner meeting in September, and Miss Elizabeth Blizzard, president of Logansport branch, and chairman of State AAUW Education Committee, spoke to the members of the Tipton branch at the February meeting.

Miss Brady was a member of the Resolutions Committee at the State Convention in Fort Wayne, and the branch had five representatives there. She has recently been appointed chairman of the State Social Studies Committee, and is now a member of the State Board.

"The review of this year's work closes with this paragraph: In spite of our wobblings of the past year in our attempts to learn, we hope to walk with a surer gait in the coming months, to talk with a broader understanding of what AAUW can mean, and to act in order to be of more service in our community."

Ruth Cable, Historian

### SHELBYVILLE BRANCH

Shelbyville's officers as taken from the 1948-1949 Directory are: President, Miss Jessie Bodem; Vice-president, Mrs. Frances MacDonald; Secretary, Mrs. Earl F. Brown; Treasurer, Miss Loretta Schraeder; Education, Miss Mary Platt; International Relations, Miss Eva Swanson; Social Studies, Miss Jane Durrenberger; Arts, Miss Martha Ellen Rhoades; Status of Women, Mrs. Carl Devore; Fellowship, Mrs. Wilbur Good; Legislation, Miss Margaret Hasler; Publicity, Mrs. Earl F. Brown; Historian, Miss Myra Sutton; Membership, Mrs. Edward Benchick.

### ELWOOD BRANCH

The Elwood branch was organized in November by Dean Margaret Powell and Miss Grace Dehority. There were twenty-six charter members.

Officers of the new branch are: Miss Esta Filbey, president; Mrs. John J. Updike, first vice-president; Mrs. James E. Sutton, second vice-president; Miss Adah Evans, secretary, and Miss Blanche M. Digel, treasurer.

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Mrs. Kimmel and those who assisted in organizing the new branches this year are to be congratulated. Bedford, Seymour, Elwood, and Warsaw are the ones that have increased the number of branches to 41, which is an increase of ten branches within four years. Don't you like to read this? According to National "Indiana has made a record" in this department.

The historian would be delighted if she could add to her file five more folders with the names of the above new branches upon them.

## EDUCATION

On January 14, 1882, Miss Marion Talbot met with the sixty-five women to discuss what might be accomplished by an organization of college alumnae who could work together "for the advancement of human folk." Alice E. Freeman at the same meeting expressed herself as thinking, "It was important that women who had gone to college should carry the college idea far and wide in the community and make it a rightly valued thing for a girl to go to college." "She desired to set up a standard for the higher training of women."

Article II of the constitution they adopted states: The object of this Association shall be to unite alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work.

Has this not been the object of all the AAUW organizations formed since then? Each branch history tells of the work it is doing along educational lines.

"It is the object of the Indiana Division of the AAUW to unite all branches in the State of Indiana for the purpose of unified action in carrying out the national and state program of the AAUW for the development and maintenance of high standards in education."

Perhaps, it may be interesting to you to hear again the names of some of the State Chairmen of Education: Mrs. H. H. Kidd, Lafayette; Mrs. H. L. Smith, Bloomington, Miss Dorothy Stratton, West Lafayette, and Mrs. L. V. Phillips, Indianapolis.

In reply to letters sent by Miss Edith Del Hopkins, a member of the historical committee, asking for data for this history from chairmen of committees. She received a number of replies. Each was to tell what she considered the most important project begun, or completed during her term of office.

Mrs. Fred Sykes, LaPorte, Indiana sent this in reply.

Supported and worked for the extension of work in Guidance started by the Indianapolis Branch under the direction of Mrs. C. Loren Harkness and Mrs. N. Taylor Todd, a State Guidance Committee was appointed. A survey concerning Juvenile Delinquency was made and published by the Indiana Department of Public Instruction.

A recommendation was made that a kit containing publications from National be made available to branches. This action was made the following year, I believe.

A study outline on Education was made and circulated to all branches.

Mrs. Fred Sykes  
State Chairman of Education  
1942-1943

Mrs. Paul V. Lynch of Evansville, and Miss Elizabeth Blizzard of Logansport have been the chairmen of Education during Mrs. Kimmel's presidency. Miss Blizzard is also president of the Logansport Branch.

The following four projects were adopted by Miss Blizzard and her State Education Committee. 1. To help organize a child study group in each branch that did not have one last year. 2. To make a survey of the number of children under six years of age who entered the first grade in the fall on the opening day of school. 3. To encourage capable juniors and seniors in the high school to become teachers. 4. To recommend establishment of library facilities for rural and county patrons.

Miss Mary Bradfield's Report of Logansport Branch Activities for 1948-1949 has just come. Three new study groups were formed this year. There is now a membership of 120. The Branch feels that their President, Miss Elizabeth Blizzard, has contributed greatly to this increase.

This paragraph written by Mrs. W. A. Davis at the completion of one of her year's histories seems to me most appropriate for this chapter on Education.

"We are proud as we review this history of events of our branch that we have lent our aid to promote educational improvement in the state and in the nation. We have striven to cultivate an intelligent public opinion and to create a free spirit of inquiry in our community. As college graduates we know that our years of study have not ended so long as we continue as active members of AAUW."

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Those persons who had the privilege of attending the Tenth Biennial Conference of the Northeast Central Region at Toledo were fortunate, and especially so those chairmen of Social Studies. Mrs. Edith Hyslop Sherrard, Associate in Social Studies, Headquarters Staff, Washington, D.C. used the entire workshop session in Social Studies, in the practical problems of developing a branch Social Studies program.

Dr. Mabel Newcomer, Chairman of the National Social Studies Committee of the American Association of University Women, was guest speaker for the closing luncheon of the conference. The subject of her address was, "America's Share in the European Recovery Program, Profit or Loss?"

The following is an excerpt from her address: "Our obligation at home is to make the recovery program work by controlling inflation and keeping industries on an even keel. Public opinion is powerful, and women can make it. They can stop inflation, and influence future congressional action on other appropriations when needed."

Mrs. J. L. Dolan of Richmond has been Chairman of Social Studies of the Indiana Division for the last four years. In her final report she stated that six branches had County or City Health programs, five had one or more programs on Mental Health in Indiana.

Muncie, Elwood, and Richmond had meetings on Group Tensions. Michigan City and Richmond have been studying "The Family in a

Changing World". Connersville has organized a Home Making Group, which will study various consumer problems dealing with Textiles, Food, and Household equipment.

Indianapolis has had a struggle in keeping interest in a Social Studies Group, but after changing its name to Civic Interests, it became one of the outstanding groups of the branch. Evansville calls its group "American Problems."

In Vincennes AAUW has been instrumental in organizing The Woman's Council. This group will study community needs and sponsor whatever projects may be of benefit.

Again at the Indiana State Convention in Fort Wayne were the AAUW members grateful for Dr. Ina Brown, a member of the National Social Studies committee, and a senior specialist in Social Studies, U. S. Office of Education, who spoke on the subject, "People are different."

Dr. Brown said, "This is no time for women to think on things that are trivial. We must learn how to live with people. People are different in many ways. We move differently, talk differently, worship differently, and think differently; even though our blood and our brains do not differ in any way?"

"Trained people can help other people do their best regardless of individual differences. We must change conditions so that development of other people is possible. We must change ourselves to have a better understanding of things."

Dr. Brown's closing statement was, "We are involved in mankind; if we act while there is yet time, we can save the world."

The first state chairman of Social Studies was Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt appointed by Mrs. Joseph McCord 1937. She was succeeded by Mrs. John Magnuson of LaPorte. Mrs. Magnuson resigned, and Mrs. A. D. Schaaf, Jamestown was appointed in 1940. Mrs. John Boyd was chosen by Mrs. Holmstedt in 1944. From 1945-1949 Mrs. J. L. Dolan served as chairman during Mrs. Kimmel's presidency. With each year the number of problems seems to increase, and the solution becomes more difficult.

## ART

Mrs. W. T. Morgan of Bloomington is the earliest State Art Chairman whose name I have. Those following are: Mrs. Harry Crook, Vincennes, 1938-40. No art chairman was listed from 1936-38. Mrs. John Van Ness, Valparaiso, 1940-42.

You may have noticed that my reports give no chairmen for 1943. I have found no directory for 1943-44. Miss Ethelwyn Miller, Franklin, 1944-45; Mrs. Frank L. Greenwald, Gary, 1945-48; Mrs. Herman Binkley, Fort Wayne, 1948-49.

Miss Ethelwyn Miller was president of the Franklin Branch from 1946-48, and now Arts Chairman, of Franklin, has written Miss Edith Del Hopkins the following interesting account: The community Art

League, a project originated by the AAUW Art Committee sponsors the monthly art exhibits which are hung in the Auditorium of the City Building. The membership in the league includes the Art Committees of the following organizations: AAUW, Tri Kappa, and Psi Iota Xi. The purpose of the organization is two fold; first, to widen the horizon of art appreciation by bringing to the community the work of recognized artists and second to encourage the creative efforts of local artists. The exhibitions are secured from the AAUW traveling exhibits, from the John Herron Art Museum and from individual artists.

The opening of each exhibition is highlighted by the presence of one or more of the exhibiting artists. The record of attendance at each exhibition is an indication of the growing interest on the part of the community. The League arranges trips to exhibitions held in Nashville, Brown County, and in Indianapolis.

The League has no officers, no dues, and no stated time for meeting. Enthusiastic support of all art endeavor is characteristic of its membership.

Franklin is fortunate to have such a League.

The work of the Art Chairmen seems to me to be most difficult. Yet those from the State Branch have been very successful, and each year seems to bring better results and greater interest. I really believe, since reading Mrs. Binkley's 1948-49 annual report again that no chairman could have been more successful in her work and have written a more interesting report.

Her last paragraph gives some interesting information.

"Miss Catharine Martin of Crawfordsville has written many articles on art and recently published a state pamphlet. She was instrumental in putting through the 1949 Legislature a resolution establishing a permanent Indiana Art Day during National Art Week. Miss Martin is a supervisor of the Crawfordsville Schools."

## LEGISLATURE

Perhaps you would be interested in hearing the names of all those AAUW members who have been frequenting the Legislative Assemblies since 1934. I haven't the ones before that date, and thanks to Mrs. Holmstedt again for sending the earlier ones of these from the files at Washington. Do you suppose Miss Jena Birks, Indianapolis, did lobbying from 1934-36? What about Mrs. Walter P. Morton, 1936-39? She is a member of the present historical committee, and has the characteristics of a good legislator. Miss Mary Gibbard, Mishawaka, 1939-40—not lacking in persuasive power. Elected to be State Vice-President the next year. Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel 1941-42—Legislative Chairman, President of Indianapolis Branch 1944-45, State President 1945-49. How our legislative chairmen do climb. Mrs. Everett M. Schofield, Indianapolis, Legislative Chairman 1944-46. Mrs. Schofield has not only kept in close touch with the legislative measures, but has worked diligently for the recognition again of Butler University. We eagerly await the result.

Mrs. John A. Crawford also of Indianapolis, Legislative Chairman 1946-48, and her name heads the list for the State Committee which follows: Mrs. John A. Crawford; Mrs. Charles Kellum, Mooresville; Mrs. Margaret Romine, Mooresville; Mrs. Henry Lane, Jamestown; Mrs. Robert Justice, and Miss Mary Katherine Anderson, State Legislative Chairman 1948-49.

Miss Anderson's beginning sentence in her final report is the following. The year 1948-49 was thrust upon us a year for "Legislative Activities" and as organization is an effective group device for getting something done, the State Division set about early in the year to get organized for a full year ahead.

"It is the policy of the State Division of AAUW that the resolutions passed at the State Convention prior to General Assembly, are the measures which will be sponsored by the State Division, and the representatives of the organization will lobby regarding such bills."

"The State Division also supports measures which other organizations sponsor and with whom we cooperate by lending the name AAUW."

No one has any doubts concerning the splendid organization of the State Committee; either should there be any doubt as to a year of great "Legislative Activities"; although no bills were actually passed.

There was action "much of it" among the many interested AAUW members in their home towns. Did they not act when cards, letters, telegrams kept coming marked Action!, Rush!, Write your Senator or Congressman at once. I believe many did. They, too, are better acquainted with legislative terms and procedure.

Mrs. Kimmel, Miss Mary Katherine Anderson, and her State Committee members are all to be congratulated on their splendid work and "our members of General Assembly" will remember how AAUW feels about many issues.

Our president, Mrs. Kimmel, must have shown her splendid ability in committee work, during the Legislative Assembly and made a most favorable impression by her magnetic personality, for before her term as president was finished, she was chosen by Governor Schriener as a member of a committee for displaced people, and elected by the members of that committee as their chairman.

## FELLOWSHIP

The Southwest Central Section was the first to award a sectional fellowship. In 1929 Miss Mary Virginia Henderson of the University of Texas received the first fellowship award. Later in 1930 an endowment of \$40,000.00 to support one fellowship as part of the Million Dollar Endowment Fund was undertaken.

The Indiana Division was pleased to have its unit of the fellowship fund known as The Kathryn McHale Fellowship Endowment Unit.

Before the fellowship fund campaign was begun almost all branches had plans for scholarships, and many still continue to give them. The

interest in fellowships now is greater than that of the work of any other committee. It grew so rapidly, perhaps, because of the definite goal to be reached, and then when the plan for International Study Grants was announced, it was most enthusiastically received.

The following interesting comments were received by Edith Del Hopkins and again the name of the writer of the first article was not given.

(This was neither "begun nor completed" while I have been Fellowship Chairman, but I consider it worth comment.)

In 1945 the National AAUW launched a program of emergency International Grants, to parallel its Fellowship program, its purpose being to aid women from war devastated countries, who in turn would help their countries more effectively. In the fall of 1945 six women were permitted to come for study in this country; in 1946-47 thirty-four came; in 1947-48 fifty-five, through help given by AAUW. Eighteen countries were represented. The appeal of this program is evident from the response in contributions, as approximately nine tenths of the funds given by Indiana in 1947-48 (\$4,551.32) went for this purpose. Thus are we "putting the tools of education and training into the hands of able women."

Miss Alma Collmer of South Bend was Fellowship chairman from 1941-45. She sends the following:

Just decided you wanted this information concerning my state chairmanship. We completed the \$40,000 Kathryn McHale Fellowship and started the International Study Grant Program. Also during my chairmanship, South Bend gave a \$1500 Fellowship to a Pan American Fellow.

Alma Collmer

Mrs. Larson of Elkhart succeeded Miss Collmer as chairman of Fellowship. She sends Miss Hopkins the following letter.  
Dear Miss Hopkins,

I was state fellowship chairman 1945-1947. As yo uknow, the primary purpose of AAUW is the support of the fellowship program. Needs have always grown faster than the support so we are always striving to catch up. We set as our goal \$1 per member. Many branches, being fellowship conscious always over subscribe, others fail in varying degrees.

Any branch reaching a sum of \$500 or more in one year has the privilege of having an International Study Grant named for it. In 1944-45 South Bend contributed that sum and in 1945-46, \$501.

In 1946-47, three others achieved that goal—Elkhart, \$500, Indianapolis, \$700, and Terre Haute, \$500.

Elkhart had the highest per capita (based on National Membership as of May 31) 1945, 2.35, 1946, \$4.86.

Ethel S. Larson

Our Summer Journal has just arrived, and announces twenty-seven fellowships for 1949-50 with stipends totaling \$40,750 have been award-

ed to outstanding women for graduate research. Kathryn McHale Fellowship (Indiana) \$1,500—Esther Ross; Birthplace, Lynn, Massachusetts; Kathryn McHale Fellowship (Indiana) \$740—June Zimmerman, Birthplace, Peoria, Illinois, graduate student Physical chemistry. A six month extension to complete research.

Mrs. E. W. Staats, the present Fellowship Chairman, gives a splendid report for 1948-1949. Evrey branch has increased its per capita except one or two which remained the same. The ten branches rating highest per capita were Portland \$5.31, Columbus \$3.84, Franklin \$2.80, Elkhart \$2.21, LaPorte \$2.04, Indianapolis \$1.75, Mishawaka \$1.64, Attica \$1.60, Peru \$1.48 and Logansport \$1.42. The State per capita was \$1.18. The grand total paid in all by branches since their organization is \$60,671.82.

### STATUS OF WOMEN

The first Economic and Legal Status of Women Chairman appointed on the Indiana State Board of AAUW was Mrs. Calvin Hamilton of Indianapolis. She was first appointed by Mrs. Joseph McCord 1938-39 and again by Dr. Mary C. Turgi. The following chairmen were later appointed: Miss Naomi Kirk, New Albany; Miss Maude Arthur, Crawfordsville; Miss Pearl Bartley, Connersville, and Mrs. Albert Harker, Marion.

It seems that from the beginning of the national organization, AAUW has been concerned with the status of women, and in 1932, the National Journal reprinted the results of a housing survey, and one on the academic status of women on university faculties. Previous to the appointment of Mrs. Calvin Hamilton, matters pertaining to this committee had been incorporated into the work of other committees, especially the legislative.

The following letter was addressed to Miss Edith Del Hopkins:

Since I served in the capacity of Economic and Legal Status of Women Chairman for three years, I am listing two projects that were begun and completed in my term of office.

**Teacher Recruitment Project:** This was a project to ascertain the names and qualifications of non-teaching women who were willing to return to, or enter the teaching field during the teacher shortage in the war years. A double postal card was used. The project was explained by letter to all branch chairmen, who in return designated the number of cards they could distribute.

Between 250-300 cards were returned, and they were turned over to Mr. Clement Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Three or four interviews were held with Superintendent Malan during the project.

The next survey was conducted to ascertain the number of women serving on local governing boards throughout the state. Branch chairmen were asked to secure and supply certain information concerning the number of women serving on city councils, school boards, library boards; etc. in towns and cities where AAUW branches were located. The findings

of this survey, which showed that very, very few women served in any capacity, were, I believe, responsible for proposed legislation by the Indiana Division of AAUW to see that women were appointed to local governing boards.

(Note: The name of the chairman was not signed. The letter contained another project which was omitted because of lack of space. All the projects were essential ones.)

As early as 1927 it is said that Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, Chairman of a national committee, distributed questionnaires gathering data on the earning capacity of college and university women. Now in 1949 I think it fitting to give excerpts from her speech given at Fort Wayne at the Indiana State Convention. Mrs. Woodhouse has been a member of the 79th, 80th, and now the 81st Congress. She spoke on the subject, "Women are Responsible for Public Affairs."

She said, Fate has put us in the position that what we do in the United States determines what the rest of the world does. Our position in the world is unique as we have so very many college women. However, the U. S. is far behind other countries in the number elected to political office. There are eight congresswomen and one woman senator at the present time. All are holding their own and doing excellent pieces of work.

Women have influenced legislation in schools, welfare, and productive legislation for women. Women have been among the first to sense the importance of national trends. They have done much for trade agreements, and in backing the legislation of the "Bretton Woods Agreement." The United Nations and the North Atlantic Pact must have their backing. These last two represent an insurance policy for peace.

The women are responsible for the peace of the World as well as the men and it is within the power of the woman to bring a real peace to the world.

Mrs. Harker, Status of Women Chairman, reports splendid work among the branches. The increase of interest and participation in local government is proved by the fact that sixteen branches cooperated as suggested, and made detailed city government charts. Twenty of the branches have put on status programs for general membership and a majority of these have consisted of panels by members, definitely of more permanent value than programs by outside lecturers.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Many persons who have recently become members of the American Association of University Women would most likely, not attach any significance to the expressions, "1634 Eye Street", and "Founders Book." It is difficult, perhaps, for them to understand why they should be discussed in connection with International Relations.

Branch historians seeking data for the beginning of their histories often find paragraphs similar to the following one. "During the first year

a beautifully decorated parchment page with the names of the charter members written in gold letters was sent to National Headquarters at Washington to be included as one of the pages in the "Founders Book", which is kept there." The Vincennes Branch is still very proud of that page, and the charter members are delighted that their names are still written there.

The National Washington headquarters are located on "1634 Eye Street". Each branch made a pledge toward the payment for them. In the histories of many branches the statement is made "that the branch finally completed its quota for the Washington Headquarters." They were bought in 1921, and have been paid for since 1927. The formal opening was on December 6, 1922, and it was a most notable occasion. Since that time this building has served as headquarters for the National Association, and as a club house for the college women of Washington, of the United States, and of those women from foreign countries who visit for any reason whatever to this country.

A committee on International Relations was appointed, and certain members were asked to meet with other members of the Committee of Foreign Students to discuss the interests which the two committees had in common. As a result of this conference, it has been suggested, came the assistance for the formation of the International Federation of University Women, the exchange of English and American teachers, the continuance of the Latin and American fellowship, the International Fellowships, and the greatly increased interest in international relations throughout the world. Those persons most often mentioned in connection with the International Relations at that time were Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, Dr. Virginia Gildersleeve, Mrs. Sewell, and Dr. Esther Caukin.

The Chairmen of the Indiana State Division during the last four years have been Miss Thirza E. Bunee, Terre Haute; Mrs. Cyrus Clevenger, Columbus; Mrs. H. H. Carter, Bloomington, and Mrs. Ross Hartley, Muncie.

In reply to Miss Edith Del Hopkin's request, Miss Bunee sent the following:

"I'm awfully sorry, but I can't recall any outstanding things which took place during my term of office. I passed all my records on to my successor and have been so occupied with other things since, that my mind seems to be a blank."

Sincerely

Thirza E. Bunee

Mrs. Hartley in her report for 1948-1949 stressed the following: The most encouraging aspect of the reports from international relations committees is the growing tendency toward participation in community projects. The subject matter studied by the groups was timely and important, the most used being UN, ERP, areas of tension (China, Iran, Arabia, Germany), Atomic energy, communism, and DP's.

The preliminary report on the AAUW survey by Gladys Murphy Graham on Page 99 of the Winter Journal of AAUW tells of a splendid accomplishment and is deserving of careful study.

These concluding paragraphs are excerpts taken from Proceedings of the Ninth Biennial Conference, Chicago, May 10-11, 1946.

"Man today has the opportunity to fulfill his age old dreams. Standing in the midst of cities that have been destroyed, seeing wards full of men whose minds have been warped, he has the audacity to try to construct a world of peace. Yesterday where he failed there was a partial destruction. If he fails now, there will be a complete destruction of civilization.

A whole new world is possible if we can live together in peace and meet the test making the highest demands of moral order."

### THE BULLETIN

How could the Indiana Division of the American Association of University Women get along without the Bulletin? It is contributing much to the growth of AAUW and, perhaps, could do even a greater work if each branch would contribute its share of news.

Mrs. C. E. Leavenworth, Crawfordsville, Indiana 1935-36 is the first editor mentioned in the lists of past officers of Indiana Division of AAUW. The others are: Mrs. H. S. Dickey, Terre Haute, 1936-37, and Mrs. Leavenworth, again during the last term of Mrs. McCord's presidency. Mrs. Marlin Miller, South Bend 1939-40, and Miss Genevieve Kriesel, Michigan City, 1940-41 were the ones preceding Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt's first term as State President. Miss Helen Duncan, Bloomington, was then appointed Editor from 1941-1945.

It was during this first year of Mrs. Holmstedt's State Presidency that a third class Post Office mailing permit was secured for the State Division Bulletin. This obligated the Division to send out an issue in September, November, February and April of each year. Since then it has continued to circulate at regular periods. This secured also the cheapest rates for mailing.

The first assistant editor, Mrs. Paul R. Armstrong, Bloomington, was appointed 1944-45.

Dr. Elizabeth MacKay, Lafayette was appointed by Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, and also her assistant, Miss Jeanette Grubb, Indianapolis. Both have served from 1945-1949.

The Bulletin is performing such an important service to National and State AAUW that three of the State Branches have found it advisable to have them.

Dr. MacKay was recently elected State Vice-President.

Miss Mary C. Dunn, historian of the Mishawaka Branch, becomes Editor of the State Division Bulletin.

### MEMBERSHIP

Forty-one AAUW branches in Indiana. Ohio has forty-seven. Dean Powell as membership chairman still, and with her new helpers can form still more.

California according to the latest announcement has acquired four branches this year, and Indiana has Elwood, Seymour, Warsaw, and Bedford. The Indiana State Division has organized an equal number.

1948-49 total membership 4,144 national members, 474 associate combined total of 4,618. A gain of 34 members in the older branches. We shall have to agree with Dean Powell that we are not increasing our membership as we should. What is the cause?

The largest percentage gain in national members was made by Portland, which gained 11 members over a previous 19 or 57.8%. Congratulations, Portland, the gavel is yours. The largest numerical gain in national members was made by Evansville with a gain of 25, and the second highest numerical 22, was made by Elkhart, 23.1%. An increase of 589 has been made in membership since 1943. That includes both associate and national members.

How will the passage of the proposed amendment to the National Constitution affect the membership?

In many of the branches there are both Second Vice-Presidents and Membership Chairmen. Is the membership increased by having the two?

From 1934 to 1938 the membership chairmen were: Miss Mary Beaman, Muncie; Miss Helen Reifel, Richmond.

From 1938 to the present time the title second vice-president was used. Mrs. N. Taylor Todd, Indianapolis, and Mrs. John Swenson of Logansport were former second vice-presidents.

## PUBLICITY

Since 1934 the Publicity Chairmen have been: Mrs. C. E. Leavenworth, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Gordon Wilder, Anderson; Mrs. John Cejner, Indianapolis, Mrs. H. G. Dickey, Terre Haute; Miss Emma Schwabehnland, Michigan City; Mrs. Louis Whitesell, Indianapolis; Miss Angeline Bellisio and Mrs. H. Paul Kelsay.

From Miss Bellisio's letter to her publicity chairmen August 23, 1945, I shall give you one paragraph. The instructions are splendid.

"Be accurate and complete with your information to the press, be fair with your papers and try to give each one a break on some angle of the news that is new. Remember that most newspapers feel that any story is "live" news if they can have it first, so sometimes you will have to divide your news giving part to one paper and part to another.

Always get your information in as early as possible. You will get a better story and a better position on the page. Do not wait for the Press to call you, you contact them and let them know you are "on the job" and want publicity.

Mrs. Kelsay comes from a "publicity branch," South Bend. It puts out a monthly bulletin, and it is splendid.

I hope every publicity chairman saw Mrs. Kelsay's State Scrap Book. It was beautifully done. It was very embarrassing though to your state historian to see the very few inches of advertising put out by her Lebanon Branch. The scrap book was displayed at the French Lick State Convention, at the Indianapolis State Conference, and was shown by the Mishawaka, South Bend and Fort Wayne Branches, and at the Regional Conference at Toledo, Ohio.

The reports from the publicity chairmen, Mrs. Kelsay says, show that increased publicity is being given to branches over the state. More of this publicity is in the news columns and not on the society page. Increased use has been obtained.

I think it would be well here to give you some of the publicity taken from two of the South Bend's AAUW monthly Bulletins.

#### MRS. H. PAUL KEL SAY ELECTED STATE AAUW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Kelsay has served for the past three years on the State Board as Publicity Chairman. From 1944 to 1946 she was President of the South Bend Branch, preceding this service with a successful year as Town Hall Chairman. She has also served as Fellowship Chairman, and is at present our International Education Chairman.

She was a delegate to the AAUW National Convention at Dallas in 1947, attended the Regional Convention in Toledo in 1948, and has been present at several of the Indiana State Conventions.

She was active in Junior Red Cross, Progress Club, and other local organizations, and she was recently elected Vice-President of the South Bend YWCA.

South Bend, we too are proud of our new president.

The following is an excerpt from a note written by Mrs. Kelsay.

"Thank you so much for your note and your expression of confidence in me.

I am deeply grateful that your fine committee thinks that I can measure up to the job. It is a big one, and I'll admit that I face it a bit fearfully.

Jean has been such a wonderful president, has built up the organization throughout the state, established a good and friendly spirit that I hope we can continue, and given us so much to strive to live up to. Following her will represent a real challenge."

I am sure Mrs. Kelsay has well expressed the feeling of every member of the Board. We are sorry to have you go, Jean.

#### RECENT GRADUATES

From the lists of past officers of the Indiana Division, it seems that Mrs. T. Dale Swen, South Bend, appointed by Mrs. H. S. Dickey, was the first chairman of recent graduates. That was during Mrs. Dickey's second year as president, 1935.

Not until Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt became president in 1941, after a period of six years, do we have the appointment of our second chairman of recent graduates, Miss Irene Feldt, West Lafayette. Miss Emma Flack, Terre Haute, was the third one chosen and has been in office four years during the presidency of Mrs. Kimmel.

Miss Flack, in her work made contacts with nine approved colleges in Indiana for the names of their graduates. These names, along with a general letter were sent to the branch recent graduates chairmen and presidents.

Under the splendid direction of Miss Flack 1,500 Scholarship Handbooks, compiled by the State Recent Graduate Committee, were printed and mailed to high school principals, county and city superintendents, and guidance directors of schools and colleges.

Seven branches have a recent graduate study group. About half the branches have a recent graduate on the board.

Recent graduates can be interested in AAUW by personal contact by the members (the most successful) and by various social affairs for them (teas, dinners; etc.) Recent graduates are the future of AAUW.

Miss Flack lists these projects as helpful.

- (1) Attendance of recent graduates at Branch meetings encouraged.
- (2) Editing; distribution to all Indiana high schools, colleges, and AAUW branches, of a Scholarship Handbook for the state of Indiana.
- (3) The formation of Recent Graduate Study Groups whenever possible.

Miss Flack has also been president of the Terre Haute branch 1947-1949.

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

In 1945 when Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel became state president she appointed two additional chairmen, a historian and a parliamentarian. The parliamentarian was Miss Sara Stirling, at one time president of Fort Wayne Branch. Although there had been no parliamentarian on the State Board, or as chairman in any branch, the need of one could be easily seen. In 1946 all branch presidents had appointed their parliamentarians except eight.

Miss Stirling served two years 1945-47 and was succeeded by Miss Lilith Farlow. At the time of her appointment, she was also parliamentarian of the Kokomo Branch. She has had much experience in participating in and observing parliamentary procedure. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Earlham, having served since 1941.

A sufficient amount of time is not given to parliamentary procedure by most of the branches, and it is so necessary. The excuse is given, not sufficient time.

Miss Farlow in her 1948 report states that thirty branches have named parliamentarians. No branch reported classes in parliamentary procedure. Copies of the By-Laws of 34 branches have been received. Seventeen branches distributed copies of their By-Laws to members. Attica and Columbus branches reported revision of their By-Laws.

There are members in all the branches, no doubt, who are eager to know more of the history of the branch, to know the By-Laws, and more about Parliamentary Procedure.

## HISTORIAN

The first year I was appointed State historian I scarcely knew what I was expected to do. Mrs. Kimmel had told me that National was eager to have each state board have a historian as chairman. I wrote to Dr. Kathryn McHale, and her reply was most interesting, and her advice was helpful.

My first work was to write to each branch president and ask her to please appoint a chairman as historian of her branch, and send the chairman's name to me. To those whose names were sent, I wrote in detail the nature of history I should like to have by June 1. Sometimes two or more letters were necessary, but in the 1946-47 directory every branch had its historian. Not all historians were pleased about writing the histories. The history was to begin at the organization of the branch. Many didn't remember, and didn't know where to find data, and even those who had sent histories to Mrs. Dickey had forgotten about them.

Today every branch historian is supposed to have all her histories up to and including 1947-48 in file in a safe place. With the exception of three branches, they are completed. Your newly appointed state historian will have files containing all histories sent in, including those of 1948-49. A number for this year were in before June first, and some are still arriving. I had hoped I could say they were all in before writing this for the "History of the Indiana Division." The histories of the branches are beautiful and are most interesting.

Your new historian is Mrs. E. J. Biddle of the Crawfordsville Branch, Waynetown, Indiana. Be as kind to her as you have been to me. I have enjoyed my notes from you.

I have tried to have the names of all historians of each branch at the close of each branch history, even those who are new in this 1948-49 directory.

I hope you like our "State History". Many things I should have liked to say about your work, but could not, space would not permit.

Mrs. Herbert Trueman has sent in the first order for the new history. It is for two copies for the Columbus Branch. I am asking the branch historians to help in this sale. Which branch can sell the most? The price will be \$1.50 per copy.

I have enjoyed the work of the last four years very much, and I wish I might have known all of you better. I thank you, and I shall keep in touch with all history reports.

Cora M. Doebleman

## HISTORIAN'S COMMITTEES

### 1947-1948

Miss Marjorie Morris  
Miss Gretchen Ritter  
Miss Leila Heimbach  
Miss Louise Nesbitt

### 1948-1949

Mrs. W. P. Morton  
Miss Jeanette Grubb  
Mrs. A. D. Unversaw  
Miss Edith Del Hopkins

## RADIO

The office of state radio chairman was newly created this year. Miss Mellie Luck of Michigan City was the one chosen and has done splendid work for the very short time since her appointment. The state radio committee consists of the following persons: Miss J. P. Burkholder of Elkhart, and Miss Maizie Ingels of Kokomo.

Miss Luck met with her committee on November 20, 1948 in South Bend to formulate suggestions to be sent to the various branches having access to radio station facilities and desiring such information.

The suggestions compiled included points to bear in mind when approaching station managers and program directors, suggested techniques for radio chairmen, how to present broadcasts, and possible program topics.

Miss Luck feels that much interest has been aroused, but not yet to the extent that the committee had hoped for. She believes that part of this is due to timidity of the branch members about participating in programs on the air and a lack of confidence in ability to prepare scripts. Visits from members of the radio committee to various branches might stimulate participation, build up confidence, and perhaps they might give demonstration broadcasts.

Another idea would be to encourage radio chairmen to attend workshops and perhaps have a demonstration broadcast over a local station publicizing the workshop. This would serve two purposes.

The script library will require more meetings of the committee and better organization. More expense and time are involved than anticipated, but it is hoped the difficulties may be ironed out another year.

Thirteen reports were received and some of the activities of each will be given you.

Centerville received publicity through Richmond Station, advertising the AAUW presentation of Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Columbus reports nine on committee. A childrens' program given the second Saturday of each month, and an adult on the fourth Saturday. Twelve interesting programs were given last year. Hope to give weekly programs this next year.

Michigan City and Terre Haute both report fifteen minute programs monthly, and both have had two years of broadcasting. Each has organized a radio study group. Twenty-seven were enrolled in the Michigan City group.

South Bend Branch has been active in radio over quite a long period of time. Spelling contests in which over 132 grades participated—close to 500 contestants. South Bend makes good use of the radio facilities there.

Six branches failed to report. Logansport and LaPorte have new stations. Both expect to have active work next year. The other four branches report lack of interest. All hope for better reports next year.

Miss Luck in addition to her state radio chairmanship, is also President of the Michigan City Branch, and in 1946-47, she was Status of Women Chairman of the same branch.

The most of the above data were taken from Miss Luck's annual report.

## CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

Ninth Biennial Conference

North East Central Region

Chicago, Illinois, May 10, 11, 1946

Palmer House

Program

Theme: Tomorrow's Goal for Today's Energy

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June 29—Institute

Purdue University

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Fiftieth General Convention of the  
American Association of University Women  
Dallas, Texas, April 14, 16, 17, 18, 1947  
Baker Hotel

Opening Talk: "We Looked to the Future of AAUW" by Dr. Kathryn McHale.

Keynote of Convention: "AAUW Lists its Sights" by Dr. Helen White

## BANQUET

Thursday Evening

Dr. Harlow Shapely—"A Martian Looks at Terrestrial Arts"

Friday

Convention Business

Results

Election :

Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel—National President

Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt—N. E. Central Vice-President

Friday Evening

Fellowship Dinner

The AAUW achievement award was presented to Dr. Barbara McClintock. Dr. McClintock talked on "The Expanding Opportunities for Women in Science."

The Indiana Division was represented by nineteen members. Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, state president, and Mrs. Charles F. VanCleave, first vice-president were the delegates sent by the State Board.

Twenty-fifth Annual State Convention  
of the  
Indiana Division of the AAUW  
French Lick Springs Hotel—May 17, 1947

Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, state president, declared the convention duly opened at 10:00 A.M. The total registration, including the members of the Executive Board, was 172 delegates and 3 visitors.

Reports of officers and of committee chairmen were read.

The nominating committee, consisting of Dr. Elizabeth MacKay, chairman, Miss Margaret Sawyer, Mrs. Fred Miller, Mrs. Ralph Harker and Mrs. Ross Garrigus, gave its report. The report was accepted, and the following officers elected.

President—Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel

First Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Larson

Secretary—Miss Pearl Bartley.

If space would permit this report should tell you of our speakers, and of the splendid talks given following the luncheon and the delightful banquet.

The convention was pronounced a great success, and most guests were reluctant to leave.

Tenth Biennial Conference  
North East Central Region  
Toledo Ohio, April 23-24, 1948  
Commodore Perry Hotel

Theme: "The Middlewest in the World Today"

Presiding: Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, Vice-President Northeast Central Region

Greetings: Mrs. Charles E. Swartzbaugh, Jr., President Toledo Branch

Greetings: Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt"

Address: "The Current American Scene"—Dr. Althea K. Hottel

The Region was honored to have as guest speaker at the opening luncheon of the Conference the National President of the American Asso-

ciation of University Women Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel. Dr. Hottel is Dean of Women and Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

**2:00-3:30 p.m.—Work Shops**

Mrs. Alspaugh, Ohio; Miss Spence, Wisconsin; Miss Hilda Stein, Illinois were heard at the administration workshop, and others were Miss Helen Hosp, Dr. Helen Bragdon, Dr. Meribeth Cameron, Mrs. H. E. Merritt, Mrs. Edith Hyslop Sherrard and Colonel Jessie Rice. All of the above named women were either presidents of State Divisions, Chairmen, or members of National Committees.

**4:00-6:00 p.m.—The Toledo Branch entertained members of the Region at a tea in the cloister of the beautiful Toledo Museum of Art from four to six o'clock.**

**7:00 p.m.—BANQUET**

Presiding: Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt

Introduction of speaker: Dr. Helen C. White, former National president of the American Association of University Women

Address: "Constructive Internationalism" Dr. A. Vibert Douglas

Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, President of the International Federation of University Women, was guest speaker for the banquet. She had just returned from an eighteen day trip to Europe where she had met with the executive committee of the International Association of University Women. Dr. Douglas, inspired by this recent visit, made a challenging address to American women on the subject of internationalism.

**8:00-11:00 a.m.—State Conventions**

Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel presided at the twenty-sixth convention of Indiana State Division. Sixty-eight delegates were in attendance. In the election of officers, Dean Margaret Powell of Franklin was reelected second vice-president and Miss Hester Wood was re-elected treasurer.

**12:00 Noon—Closing Luncheon**

Presiding: Mrs. Ralph Alspaugh, President Ohio Division

Address: "America's Share in the European Recovery Program, Profit or Loss?" Dr. Mabel Newcomer

Dr. Newcomer represented the United States on the Four Power Committee on Taxation of Germany and was ably qualified to discuss our nation's share in the reconstruction program for Europe.

A splendid conference of the Northeast Central Region was ended at 3:00 p. m.

Not only were the members of the Indiana Division justly proud of their own Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, but also those members from the other four state of the Northeast Central Region, as expressed in their Resolutions of Appreciation and Gratitude.

Summer workshops were held in Indianapolis and LaPorte following the State Presidents Conference in Washington. They were both very interesting and profitable meetings. Committee chairmen at such conferences have more time to make contacts with branch chairmen, and it is likewise true of officers.

The day was delightful at LaPorte, and the LaPorte Branch was congratulated on its planning of entertainment.

Mrs. John VanNess gave a most interesting talk at each meeting.

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Twenty-Seventh State Convention of  
Indiana Division American Association of University Women  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
April 23-24, 1949  
Hotel Van Orman

Saturday, April 23: Registration. State Board meeting. Luncheon in Ball Room.

Presiding: Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, State President

1:30-2:30 p.m.—Address: "Women are Responsible for Public Affairs"  
Hon. Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse

2:40-3:00 p.m.—Business Session

3:00-5:00 p.m.—Tea served by Fort Wayne Branch in French Room

6:00-6:30 p.m.—Reception on Mezzanine

6:30-7:30 p.m.—Banquet in Ball Room.

A program of splendid music was arranged by Fort Wayne Branch  
7:30-9:00 p.m.—Address: "People are Different," Dr. Ina Corinne Brown  
"Preview of National Convention"—Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, Regional Vice-President

Sunday, April Twenty-fourth

8:30-10:30 a.m.—Round Table Discussions

10:30-12:30 a.m.—Adjourn to attend church

12:30- 1:30 p.m.—Luncheon in Ball Room—Reports of Round Table Discussions

1:30- 2:30 p.m.—"Education for Better International Relations"

Dr. Edith Batho, President of British Federation

On Saturday, 2:45 p.m. at the Business Session, much work was accomplished in the short time allotted.

The chairman of rules committee gave her report and it was adopted. The minutes of the pre-convention board meeting were then read and

approved. The treasurer's report was given by Miss Hester Wood and its adoption subject to audit was approved.

Mrs. Rush, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave her report. After a few changes the resolutions were adopted.

A resolution was read by Miss Mary Gibbard, concerning the splendid accomplishments of Dr. Kathryn McHale, during her twenty years of service as General Director of the American Association of University Women. The adoption was moved by Miss Gibbard and seconded by Miss Elizabeth Blizzard. The resolution was passed upon the unanimous vote of the convention.

The nominating committee reported the following: For president—Mrs. H. Paul Kelsay, South Bend. For vice-president—Dr. Elizabeth MacKay, Lafayette. Recording Secretary—Miss Pearl Bartley, Connersville. The report was accepted and the election followed.

Mrs. Kimmel at this time presented the Constitution and the By-Laws, and the gavel to Mrs. Kelsay. The officers assumed their duties June 1st.

The Fort Wayne Convention will be one long remembered. For those who have been members of the State Board for a number of years, and this convention perhaps, the last in which they will share, it will be a very pleasant and bright spot in their memory.

Mrs. Kelsay and Miss Hester Wood, State Treasurer, were sent as delegates to the Seattle convention.

Mrs. Benson, president of the Indianapolis Branch, presented to Mrs. Kimmel a silver bonbon dish from the Indianapolis Branch as a token of respect and affection.

Mrs. Kimmel, retiring state president gave the following as her message. During her tenure in office she had had in her mind these objectives:

1. To bring the state division closer to the branches.
2. To do everything in her power to make the general public aware of the American Association of University Women and those things for which it stands.
3. To make the general membership more national minded.

Mrs. Kimmel explained in detail what she had done in furthering these objectives. She has done a splendid piece of work. No one person could accomplish more. As a member of the State Board, and also a member of a Branch, I feel that the individual branch must help greatly in all three objectives.

Thirty-two branches were represented; seventeen state board members, one hundred sixty-five delegates and eighty-five visitors were present.

## IN MEMORIAM

MISS MARION TALBOT, the last of the founders of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and the one who made possible the present AAUW—October 20, 1948.

DR. AURELIA HENRY REINHARDT, national president 1923-27, pioneered in the field of the international exchange of students and professors—January 28, 1948.

MRS. MAY WRIGHT SEWALL, president of WACA and founder of the Indiana group.

MISS AMELIA WARING PLATTER, founder member, and President Emeritus of the Indianapolis Branch.

MRS. ERWIN F. MILLER, state president, charter member of Anderson Branch—July 12, 1933.

MRS. WILLIAM R. DAVIDSON, state president, state treasurer, charter member of Evansville Branch—1940.

MRS. CLARA HAVENS, charter member of Vincennes Branch—April 1930.

MRS. FRANK ADNEY, charter member of Lebanon Branch—August 13, 1943.

MISS HELEN KENWORTHY, charter member of Lebanon Branch—May 30, 1944.

MRS. BENJAMIN F. HUNTER, former member of Pittsburg Branch, later member of Lebanon Branch—November 18, 1945.

MISS MABEL FERTICH, charter member and historian of Crawfordsville Branch—April 15, 1947.

MISS LILLIAN CARTER, charter member, former president of Vincennes Branch—May 18, 1949.

MISS MARY CHEEVER, treasurer, president 1945-47 Gary Branch.

MRS. MAXWELL McCONOCHY, charter member Portland Branch—1949.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

Thank you, President Truman, for your appointments of Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark of Richland, Kansas as treasurer of the United States, and Mrs. Mesta to be U. S. minister to Luxemburg. AAUW is especially interested in the appointment of women to important positions.

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Good work, National, you have won at last. We are happy to have Butler, and St. Mary of the Woods College reinstated to the accredited list.

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A challenge to achieve "unity out of diversity" was laid before the convention of the American Association of University Women by its president, Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel. The theme of the convention was "Crossing New Frontiers". The great question was settled by the National body by a vote of 2168 to 68 to maintain present by-laws, which state that any person may become a member upon presentation of her credentials from an accredited university. The vote showed that "educated women are crossing into the new frontiers of politics, economics, education and social problems."

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Elwood, I am happy to find your list of officers before it was too late. President, Miss Esta Filbey; first vice-president, Mrs. John J. Updike; second vice-president, Mrs. James E. Sutton; secretary, Miss Adah Evans; and treasurer, Miss Blanche M. Diegal. Historian?? History by June first?

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Twenty-five histories for 1948-49 are in. Is yours out?

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Bloomington Branch Recent Graduates have organized a "Downtown Luncheon Group" of business women in AAUW.

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Vincennes—promoted and organized County Council of all women's groups, and furthered projects for welfare of the community, such as a recreation center.

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Thirty-one from Indiana attended the Seattle Convention in June. Those people will return with a broader and better understanding of National aims and its functions.

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Monday, June 20. Left Peru at 8:30—Mon. June 13, arrived here Sunday about 3. Margaret Powell, Franklin; Mrs. Stewart, Connersville and Gertrude Johnson Logan drove out with me. Had snow in mountains.

Hester Wood

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Mrs. A. C. Badders, Portland, has been appointed State Fellowship Chairman.

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Atlantic City—National Conference 1951.

**OFFICERS**  
**OFFICERS—PRESENT BOARD**

**National**

President—Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel

General Director—Dr. Kathryn McHale

Vice-President—Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, Northeast Central Region

**Indiana Division**

President—Mrs. Wayne C. Kimmel, 1945-49.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Charles F. VanCleve, 1945-47; Mrs. Walter Larson, 1947-49.

Second Vice Presidents—Mrs. George F. Stevens, 1942-46; Dean Margaret Powell, 1946-49.

Secretaries—Miss Maude Arthur, 1945-47; Miss Pearl Bartley, 1947-49.

Treasurers—Mrs. J. H. Van Ness, 1944-46; Miss Hester Wood, 1946-49.

Corresponding Secretaries—Mrs. Robert M. Lingle; Mrs. Virginia Green.

**OFFICERS—NEW BOARD**

**National**

President—Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel

General Director—Dr. Kathryn McHale

Vice-President—Mrs. Ralph B. Alspaugh, Northeast Central Region.

**Indiana Division**

President—Mrs. H. Paul Kelsay

Vice-President—Dr. Elizabeth MacKay

Second Vice-President—Dean Margaret Powell

Secretary—Miss Pearl Bartley

Treasurer—Miss Hester Wood

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mark B. Gain

Those AAUW members who have learned to know our National President, Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel, during her two years as president, would have been greatly disappointed had she not been returned to us. We hope now to have her back in Indiana to visit more of our branches, and others, too, may learn to know her.

Dr. Kathryn McHale, nearly twenty years as director of the American Association of University Women. No one could fill the place more efficiently. What person could inform us as to Who's Who, and What's What? Keep up the good work of extending the influence of AAUW and bringing honor to it.

Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, Northeast Central Region Vice-President, has brought AAUW two years of valuable service while a member of the National Board. We wish you had desired to stay on, but since you did not, we appreciate and are grateful for the honor you have given the Indiana Division of AAUW.

Mrs. Ralph B. Alspaugh, president of the Ohio Division, was supposed to be elected to succeed Mrs. Holmstedt, and while we have had no definite announcement to that effect, we are most sure that the convention has not neglected its duty. Mrs. Alspaugh was greatly admired by the AAUW members at the Toledo Conference.

The members who are retiring, and those who are continuing in other positions on the State Board of the Indiana Division have proved their efficiency, and with Mrs. Kelsay as their president; as was the case with our president, Mrs. Kimmel, we may expect another congenial Board, and wonderful progress for the INDIANA DIVISION.

The following closing remarks are those of Mrs. Kimmel as given in her final report 1948-1949.

### CONCLUSION

I wish to express my appreciation to the branch presidents for their excellent cooperation in furthering the work of the State Division, and the many courtesies extended to me as president by the branches; to the members of the State Board for their loyalty; to the Regional Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, for her suggestions and guidance, and to the general membership and branch chairmen for their whole-hearted support in assisting the State Division in promoting the work of AAUW.

Jean C. Kimmel (Mrs. Wayne C.)  
State President

### STATE DIVISION

**The State Division is a Member of:** Indiana Adult Education Association; Indiana Merit Association; Indiana Traffic Council; Governor's Advisory Committee on Recreation; Youth Conservation Council; and Governor's Committee on Displaced Persons.

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There are now twenty members on the State Board representing 19 different branches. A Public Relations Chairman (non-voting member) has been appointed to the state board to represent the president at meetings of other groups held in Indianapolis.

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Dr. Hottel has closed her talks on a number of occasions with the following poem which was quoted on the final evening of the World Student Christian Federation Conference held in Gwatt Switzerland, in the summer of 1946.

I like it as a closing for THE HISTORY OF THE INDIANA DIVISION.

### A PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

Let me not shut myself within myself  
Nor dedicate my days to petty things,  
Let there be many windows in my life,  
    The entrance to my heart a door that swings,  
Where through I go and come with eyes that smile,  
    And folks without as gladly come to me,  
That, haply I may learn the thing worth while,  
    The art of human hospitality.  
Save me from self-preferment that would gain  
    Its cloistered place, safe sheltered from the strife.  
But purposeful and calm and sweet and sane,  
    Lord, keep me in the Living Room of Life.

**BY-LAWS OF THE INDIANA DIVISION  
OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Division of The American Association of University Women.

**ARTICLE II**

**Object**

The object of the Indiana Division of the AAUW is to unite all branches in the state of Indiana for the purpose of unified action in carrying out the national and state program of the AAUW for the development and maintenance of high standards in education.

**ARTICLE III**

**By-Laws**

The Indiana Division shall be governed in general affairs by the by-laws of the National Association. In state affairs it shall make its own by-laws in so far as they do not conflict with the national by-laws.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Membership**

Section 1. All branches of the AAUW in Indiana shall be members of the Indiana Division.

**ARTICLE V**

**Fiscal Year and Dues**

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Indiana Division shall begin on June 1st.

Section 2. Dues to the Indiana Division shall consist of fifty cents (50¢) a year from each national and associate member of each branch in Indiana. Such dues are payable by the branch treasurers to the state treasurer by Dec. 1st.

Section 3. The funds of the Indiana Division shall remain within the control of the Division, and shall be expended only for the promotion of its program.

Section 4. The Indiana Division may solicit financial assistance from the branches only for promotion of the national and state programs of AAUW.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers, Qualifications and Duties

Section 1. Officers Enumerated. Officers of the Indiana Division shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a recording secretary, and a treasurer.

#### Section 2. Qualifications.

- a. All officers of the Indiana Division shall be national members.
- b. The president and first vice-president shall have served on the Board of Directors at some time prior to their nominations.
- c. The corresponding secretary shall be a member of the branch from which the president is elected.

#### Section 3. Duties of Officers.

a. The president: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall countersign all checks made out by the Treasurer. She may call special meetings as provided by the By-laws. She shall file annual reports, including names and addresses of current officers, with the regional director and at national headquarters. She shall be the national representative of the Indiana Division and shall represent the Division in all work with other organizations and at public meetings and conferences. She shall appoint a corresponding secretary.

##### b. The Vice-presidents.

(1) The Vice-presidents shall assist the president in any of the work of the Division which she may delegate to them.

(2) The first vice-president in event of the president's absence or inability to act, shall perform the duties of the president. In case the office of president becomes vacant before the expiration of her term, the first vice-president shall fill out the unexpired term. In addition to these duties, the first vice-president shall serve as program coordinator for the Indiana Division.

(3) The second vice-president shall assume the duties of the president when the first vice-president is unable to do so. The second vice-president shall also act as Chairman of Membership and Expansion Committees in the Indiana Division.

c. The Recording-Secretary—The recording secretary shall record all minutes of the Division meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors, shall keep a corrected list of all members, and shall perform other such duties as shall be assigned to her by the president or the Board of Directors.

d. The Corresponding Secretary—The corresponding secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Indiana Division assigned to her by the president or by the Board of Directors.

e. The Treasurer—The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all annual dues and other monies due to the Indiana Division, and shall make disbursements as directed by the president or the Board of Directors. She shall be the custodian of all legal and business papers

belonging to the Division. She shall be bonded with a recognized company at the Division's expense, and shall present her books for an annual audit by a committee appointed by the president. She shall be the chairman of the Committee on Finance.

## ARTICLE VII

### Standing Committees

#### Section 1. Membership.

a. Standing Committees of the State Division shall parallel the standing committees of the national association as far as it is practicable, with such additions as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable for the purpose of the Indiana Division.

b. Chairmen of standing committees shall be chosen by the president with the approval of the elected members of the Board of Directors. They shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one succeeding term only.

c. The members of the standing committees of the State Division shall be the state chairmen and all the branch chairmen of their corresponding committees.

#### Section 2. Duties.

a. The chairman of each standing committee shall formulate plans for carrying out the work of her committee and shall seek to promote the work designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the committee shall be held at her discretion.

b. The chairman of each standing committee that parallels a national committee shall send, at least once a year, a report in duplicate concerning the work of her committee to the state president and to the chairman of the corresponding national committee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Board of Directors

#### Section 1. Membership and Duties.

a. The following persons shall constitute the Board of Directors: the officers of the Division, the editor of the State Bulletin, the chairman of Publicity, the chairmen of those standing committees which parallel the standing committees of the National Association. Presidents of branches may be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Directors.

b. The Board of Directors shall have the power to act for the Division in the interim between the regular annual meetings of the Division. It shall fill all vacancies in office that occur between meetings.

Section 2. Meetings—Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the call of the president or at the signed request of a majority of the committee members. There shall be no less than four (4) meetings a year, one of them being a meeting within thirty (30) days after the election of officers.

Section 3. Quorum—A Majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Meetings**

#### **Section 1. Time and Place.**

a. The Indiana Division shall hold at least one regular meeting a year. On alternating years the meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Regional meeting. The time and place of the intervening meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors acting upon recommendations of the Special Convention Committee.

b. Special meetings may be held at the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

c. Notice of all meetings shall be sent to the branches at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.

#### **Section 2. Representation.**

a. The voting body of an annual meeting shall consist of members of the Board of Directors and the regularly accredited delegates representing the branches.

b. Each branch on the basis of total membership for the current year shall be entitled to two (2) voting delegates for the first twenty-five (25), or fewer members; preferably one of these delegates should be the incoming president.

c. For every twenty-five (25) members beyond the first twenty-five (25), the branch shall have one additional delegate.

d. Delegates shall be selected by the branch, and shall have their credentials signed by the president or the secretary of the branch.

e. An alternate may be appointed for each delegate.

#### **Section 3. Voting—In order to vote each delegate must present her credentials to the credentials committee at the annual meeting, and receive her certificate as delegate.**

#### **Section 4. Privilege of all members in Annual Meeting.**

a. Members desiring to offer resolutions or motions affecting the policies of the organization shall present a statement of their subject matter to the Committee on Resolutions at least two weeks prior to the state meeting.

b. All members of the AAUW are entitled to be present at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Nominations**

#### **Section 1. Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee of five, selected by the Board of Directors.**

**Section 2. This nominating committee shall be announced to the branches on or before March 1st preceding the annual meeting.**

**Section 3. Further nominations may be made from the floor.**

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Elections**

Section 1. Officers of the Indiana Division shall be selected at the annual meeting to serve for a term of two (2) years, and may be re-elected for one additional term only.

Section 2. The second vice-president and the treasurer shall be elected in even years, and the president, first vice-president and recording secretary shall be elected in the odd years.

Section 3. Election shall be by ballot if more than one name is presented for an office.

Section 4. In case the name of a member of the Board of Directors is presented with her consent for the office of president, her office shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled as prescribed by the by-laws on election and appointment.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Quorum**

A majority of the delegates attending the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a unanimous vote of the accredited delegates at a state meeting, without previous notice.

Section 2. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates present at a state business meeting, provided that notice of the amendment or amendments has been given in the call to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be used as the authority on parliamentary procedure.

These by-laws adopted May, 1938 at Indiana Division meeting, Chicago Sectional Conference. Amended May 1939, at convention held in Richmond, Indiana; amended at Battle Creek Sectional Conference, May 1940; amended at Indianapolis Regional Conference in convention May 1942; amended at Chicago Regional Conference in convention, May 1946.

Resolution passed at Marion State Convention 1941—Branches granting associate membership shall limit the number of associate members to 20% of the total national membership of a branch.





